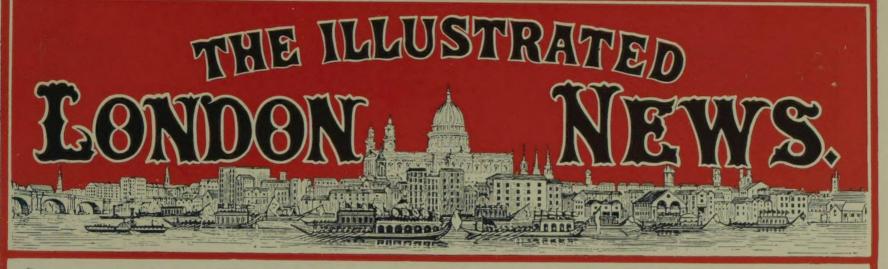
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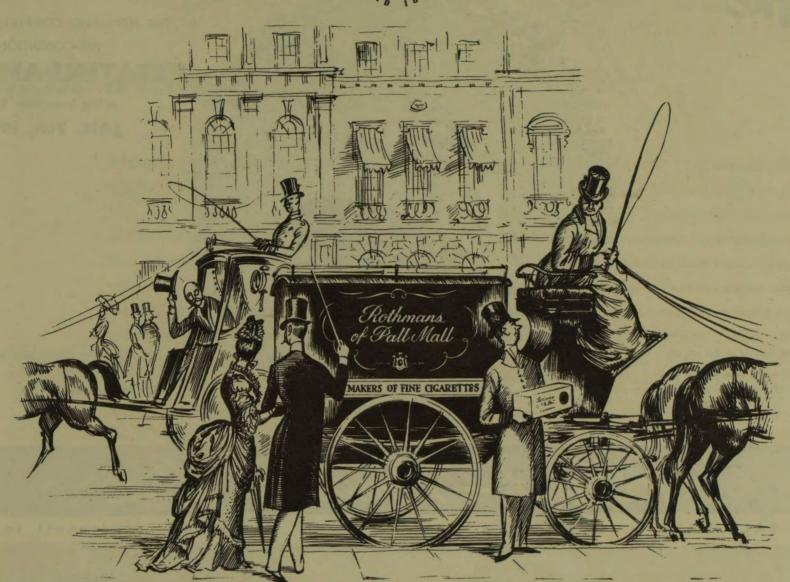
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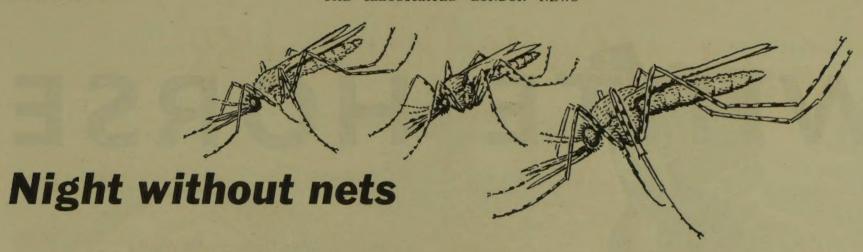
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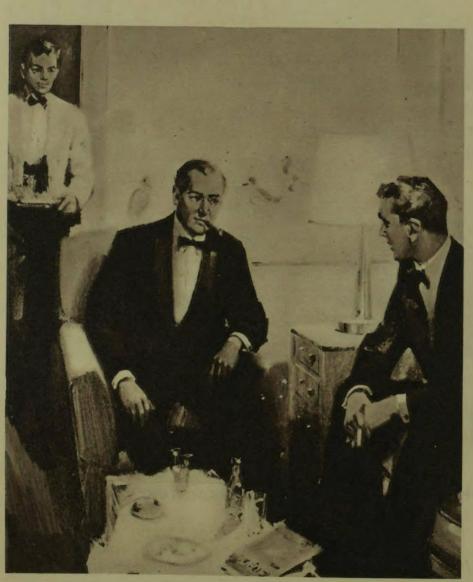


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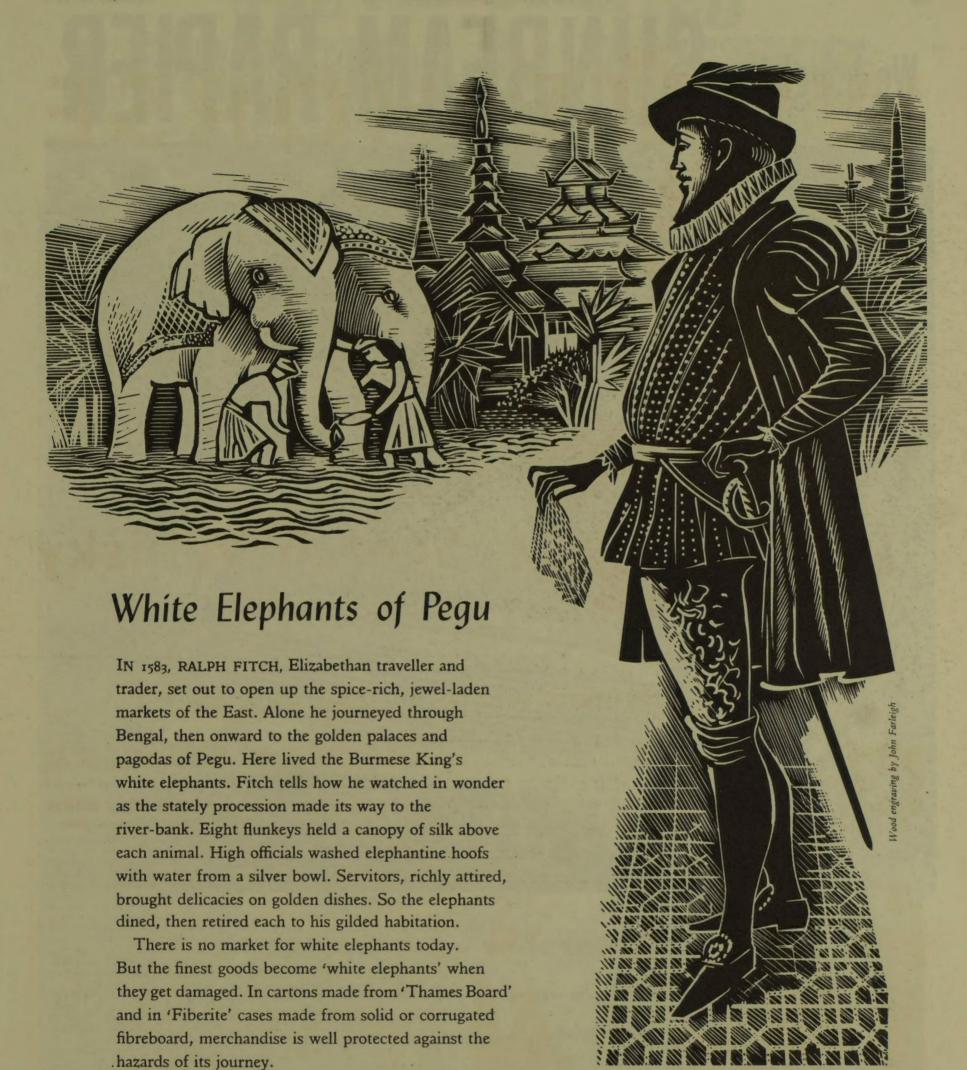
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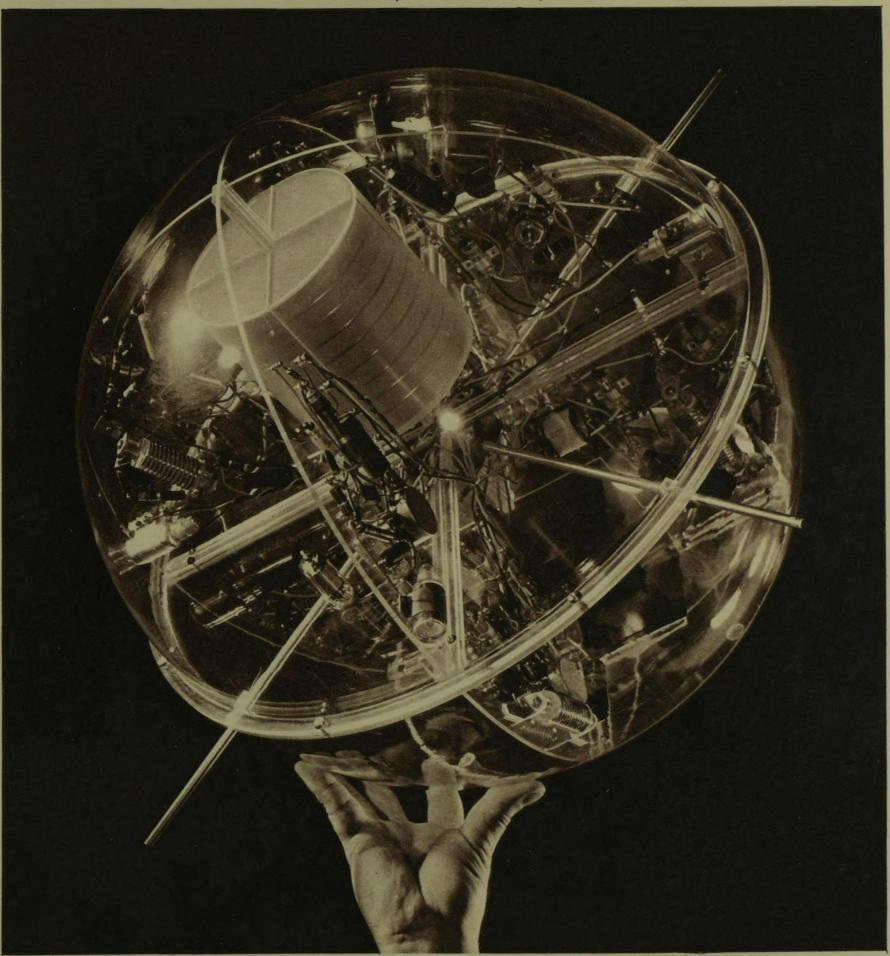
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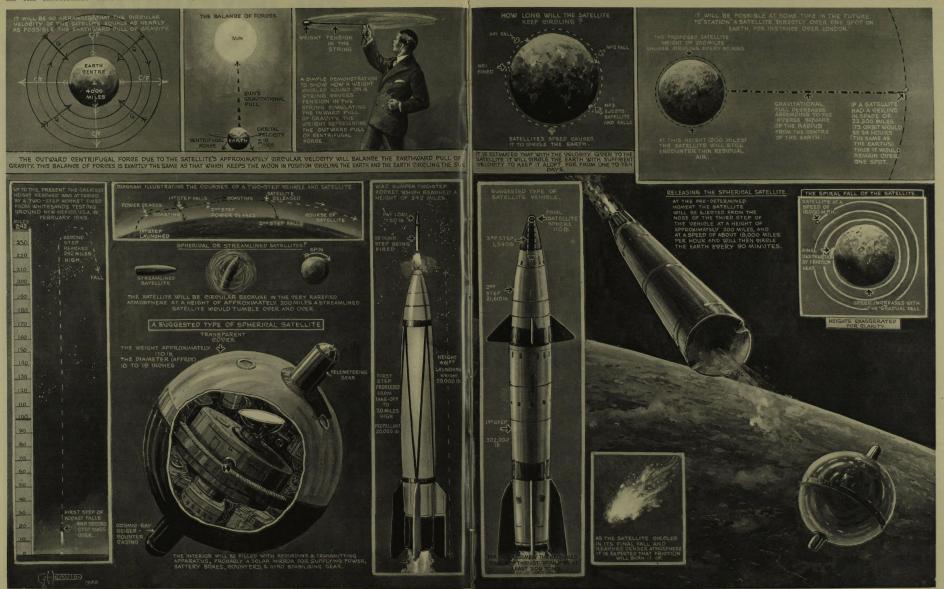
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NOW ECLIPSED BY THE RUSSIAN "BOMBSHELL": A MODEL OF AN AMERICAN EARTH SATELLITE.

The successful launching of the Russian earth satellite from the Soviet Union on October 4 came as a complete surprise to the rest of the world, and has completely overshadowed American plans for launching satellites, which were first made known to the public in 1955. Considerable anxiety has been caused in the United States, because the Soviet achievement shows that Russian scientists have established a clear lead in rocket research and therefore in the field of intercontinental missiles as well. The model illustrated above is of an American satellite. About twelve of these, which are approximately one-tenth the weight of the Russian satellite, are to be launched next spring. The Russian satellite, whose orbit passes over North America, has been circling

the earth once every 95 minutes and sending out frequent and regular radio messages. Although these messages were thought to contain information in code about conditions encountered by the satellite, Mr. Blagonravov, a Russian expert visiting the U.S.A., denied this. He added that another Russian satellite would be launched in "the nearest future" and that this one would be "for the International Geophysical Year." He said that the recent launching had been kept secret as it was purely experimental. How long the satellite will continue in its orbit is unknown; estimates vary from a month to centuries. It is expected to burn away through atmospheric friction when it finally falls to earth. Drawings of satellites appear elsewhere in this issue.



#### HOW AN EARTH SATELLITE IS PLACED IN ITS ORBIT: A DIAGRAMMATIC FORECAST

In The Illustrated London Neses of October 15, 1955, we reproduced the above illustrations of the United States satellite project, drawn by G. H. Davis, with the co-operation of A. V. Cleaver, F.R.Ae.S. (then head of the de Havilland Aircraft Company's Rocket Division), and some of the forecasts then made have been proved remarkably accurate by the information which then made have been proved remarkably accurate by the information which the American satellite was 18,00 fm Clusian satellite. The predicted speed of the American satellite was 18,00 fm Clusian satellite. The predicted speed of the American satellite was 18,00 fm (17,000 and as sover 18,000 mp.h. The American satellite was expected to circle the earth every ninety minutes—

five minutes less than the time taken by the Russian miniature "moon." The orbit of the American satellite was shown as a circle and the satellite's attitude given as 200 miles. The Russian satellite has been said to be following an elliptical course at a height of about 560 miles. At a height of 200 miles is was thought that a satellite would continue to orbit round the earth for a period datting up to ten days. The Russian satellite is a month of the same of the same

#### OF 1955 WHICH ILLUSTRATES SOME ASPECTS OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN ACHIEVEMENT.

known a month after the Amerian plans had been announced, just over two years ago. The American satellites are not expected to be launched until next spring, and the Russian authorities have already announced that they hope to launch another satellite very soon—possibly on November 7, the fortieth anniversary of the Bolshevik coup. The Russian triumph, which incidentally marks the first major technical advance to the coup of the state of the s

achievement may be, it is also a cause for some anxiety, since it implies that the Russians can produce rocket missiles of inter-continental range and of considerable accuracy, and that their recent claim to have developed such as weapon was genuine. Although the first step towards space travel by man has now been successfully taken, there are still many problems to be solved. The Russian satellite was launched without any previous warning to other countries, allegedly because the launching was purely experimental, but Mr. Blagonravov, a Soviet expert visiting America, claimed that the next Russian satellite would be "for the International Geophysical Year."



#### By ARTHUR BRYANT.

I BELIEVE it is possible to-day to make an omelet—of a kind—without eggs, but it still isn't possible to ensure the free passage of the seas without ships! And for this country, alone of all the countries in the world, the free passage of the seas is a matter of life or death. Despite the remarkable efficiency of our agricultural industry and the immense increase in the volume of home-produced foodstuffs since the outbreak of the last war, one out of every two mouthfuls of food we eat is brought to us by sea. So are the bulk of the raw materials which, the most heavily industrialised nation in the world, we manufacture for our livelihood and the greater part of the fuel which we use for our shipping and industrial power. If anything should stop our Merchant Marine and those of the other nations that trade with us from crossing the seas, not only our livelihood but our very existence would be imperilled, and in a

matter of days. What Kipling wrote in an age with very different ideals to ours remains as true to-day as on the day, fifty or so years ago, when he wrote it.

For the bread that you eat and the biscuits you nibble,
The sweets that you suck and the joints that you carve,

They are brought to you daily by all us Big Steamers, And if anyone hinders our coming you 'll starve.\*

The only difference is that the ships that bring our food are, for the most part, no longer steamers voyaging by power of "England's own coal, up and down the salt seas," but are motivated by oilfuel brought to us by sea from east of Suez. Which makes us even more dependent on sea-transport than our fathers were in Kipling's day.

All this, of course, is a truism, and ought not to need

Yet, unfortunately, it does need saying, saying. and again and again. Witness the terrifying disclosure this autumn by high-ranking Naval officers after the recent N.A.T.O. exercises that, in the Eastern Atlantic-the vital ocean area in which this country lies and through which all its imported food and raw materials have to passthe Western navies, including our own, lack even a bare minimum of several kinds of warships essential for our safety. Since the last war Soviet Russia, a land Power, has laid down the largest fleet of ocean-going submarines ever built. They can have been built for only one object-for they serve no defensive purpose whatever: for attack on any Power that lives by the sea. There is only one that does so wholly, and that is Britain. Yet in the face of this, the most serious maritime threat in our history, we have allowed the Navy to sink to the lowest level known since the day when the Dutch Fleet sailed up the Medway and

\* R. Kipling, "Big Steamers." C. R. L. Fletcher and R. Kipling, "A School History of England," Oxford Press.

towed away the British flagship to the triumphant strains of "Joan's Placket is torn!"-a day, it should be added, when England was a selfsupporting country and, though with a growing maritime trade, was not dependent on that trade. Yet the matter, and the revelations of the N.A.T.O. Admirals, were not, so far as I could discover from the Press, so much as referred to at the recent Labour Party Conference, and I shall be surprised if it is referred to at the Conservative Party Conference either. As the electorate does not appear to be interested in the subject, the politicians, who live by the electors' votes, are not, it would seem, concerned in it either. Having universal suffrage and a Welfare State, "Britannia needs no bulwarks," not even floating ones! Democratic ostriches can always bury their heads in the sand.

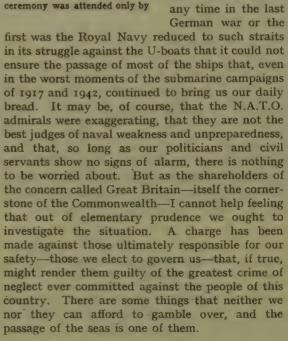
'Alas, alas for Hamelin!" We are all so busy debating the pros and cons of the atomic

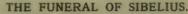
peace-loving people that cannot feed itself, but can we be sure that the "progressive" but, in certain matters, unenlightened monopolists of power who rule the Kremlin are going to allow us to fulfil it? And if their own foresight in equipping themselves with an immense ocean-going submarine fleet, and our own improvidence in failing to maintain a Navy strong enough to deal with it, should offer them a trump card without any price for playing it, who can say that they will not play it when it suits them? And what happens to the Welfare State then? Trade unionist and capitalist, Liberal and Tory, Bevanite and gunboat Diehard, it will make no difference what we are; we shall all be in it—up to the neck!

of world opinion. It seems a simple ambition for a

In other words, we are back where the great Lord Halifax saw us in the year when the French Fleet defeated the Royal Navy off Beachy Head

and rode mistress of the Channel. "It may be said now to England, 'Martha, Martha, thou art busy about many things, To the question what shall we do to be saved in this world? There is no other answer but this, Look to your Moat!"". It is not a matter of prestige, or national glory, or any of the now despised and antiquated conceptions that contemporary opinion so despises; it is simply a question of survival; of whether a people who have given hostages to fortune by allowing themselves to be dependent on seaborne trade can allow a potential enemy the means of throttling that trade and starving them in a matter of days. It should be remembered that never at







THE COFFIN OF THE GREAT FINNISH COMPOSER, JEAN SIBELIUS, BEING CARRIED FROM THE CATHEDRAL AT HELSINKI AFTER THE FUNERAL SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 30.

On September 29 more than 17,000 people filed past the bier of the great composer, Jean Sibelius, as it lay in the Church of St. Nicholas, in the centre of Helsinki. At the funeral service on the following day there were present the Finnish President, the Finnish Government and members of Parliament, representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and of the world of music. A wreath from the United Kingdom was laid by the British Ambassador; and Sir Malcolm Sargent, who was conducting the composer's Fifth Symphony in Helsinki at the time of Sibelius's death, also laid a wreath. The people of Helsinki paid silent tribute in the streets as Sibelius's body was taken from the capital to Tuusula to be buried in the garden of his home, Ainola. The burial ceremony was attended only by members of his family.

> bomb, exclaiming that there is no defence against it, that it spells the end of civilisation and of the human race, and passing fraternal resolutions against its use and testing, that we overlook the fact that it may never be used against us at all for the simple reason that our enemies may be able to destroy us without it. Why should an adversary with the power to starve us into surrender invoke against itself the terrible deterrent of atomic retaliation when its ocean-going submarine fleet can stop our vital supplies at will because we lack the warships to prevent it? But, it will be protested, we have no quarrel with anyone, no intention of going to war, are a peace-loving people with no other wish but to be left in peace. All we ask for ourselves is to be allowed to enjoy the highest standard of living and of social services and the most leisurely rate of working in Europe, and to exercise the timehonoured right to protest loudly at those of our neighbours' doings of which we disapprove and seek to have them publicly condemned at the bar

THE 80-FT. KETCH HALCYON, WHICH HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY THE SOUTHAMP-TON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION AS A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE FOR THEIR TRAINING-VESSEL MOYANA, LOST AFTER WINNING IN THE TORBAY-LISBON RACE.

## ROYAL OCCASIONS IN LONDON; AND HOME NEWS OF RECENT EVENTS AND TOPICAL DEVELOPMENTS.



PREPARING ASIAN FLU VACCINE IN THE GLAXO LABORATORIES AT ULVERSTON, LANCS, WHERE WORKERS ARE

INOCULATING CHICK EMBRYOS WITH THE VIRUS.

On October 1 the first supplies of Asian flu vaccine were distributed to regional hospital boards for the inoculation of hospital doctors, nurses and other staff, the first issue being enough for 65,000 injections. The illness has spread and deaths from influenza have increased, although they are as yet very considerably fewer than for the comparable period last year.



A HELICOPTER RESCUE FROM A DISASTER DURING A GROUSE-SHOOTING PARTY ON A YORKSHIRE MOOR: AN INJURED MAN BEING DISEMBARKED AT HARROGATE.

During a grouse-shooting party on Pockstone Moors, 15 miles from Harrogate, beaters found a 25-pounder shell which exploded, killing four and injuring five. Owing to the difficulty of the terrain, two helicopters from Thornaby helped to transport the injured to hospital.



TO BE OPENED ON NOVEMBER 19 BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH: DEAL'S NEW £250,000 PIER, WHICH STRETCHES OUT TO SEA SOME 1000 FT. WITH A THREE-DECK PIERHEAD.

Deal's new pier replaces one demolished during the war, and it is a steel and concrete structure, which it is hoped by the Corporation may attract some cross-Channel traffic. The pier, which also has a pierhead bar and café, has been built by Sir William Halcrow and Partners.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, AS GODFATHER, ABOUT TO IMMERSE HIS GREAT-NIECE, MARIJA, IN THE FONT AT THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, NOTTING HILL.

On October 6 the Duke of Edinburgh took a leading part in a christening ceremony at the Serbian Orthodox Church off Ladbroke Grove when he stood as godfather to the infant daughter of Princess Christina of Hesse and Prince Andrej of Yugoslavia. Princess Christina is the niece of the Duke.

The infant was christened Marija. H.M. the Queen was present at the ceremony.



RETURNING FROM THEIR HOLIDAY AT BALMORAL: H.M. THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS ANNE DRIVING

FROM EUSTON STATION TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON OCTOBER 4.

The Queen and Princess Anne travelled to London from Balmoral on the Royal train arriving at Euston on the morning of Friday, October 4. The Duke of Cornwall, who has had influenza at Cheam School where he is a pupil, was making normal progress by October 5.

# THE TIMES remarked on October 3: "Newspaper polls suggest that the (Turkish) Democratic Party may be returned to power again." I am not acquainted with the evidence,

By CYRIL FALLS,

Sometime Chichele Professor of the History of War, Oxford.

"The Government will win. Menderes would not have had a general election now if he had not known he would win." The Democratic Party will probably lose seats, but it has a fantastically large margin to play with. Unless opinion at home and abroad proves unusually wide of the mark, it will achieve a substantial majority. A well-timed decree has prevented the three Opposition parties from forming a bloc for the purpose of the election, and they must present separate lists.

but the prophecy seems to me an understatement. The comment of a Greek Minister in mid-September was:

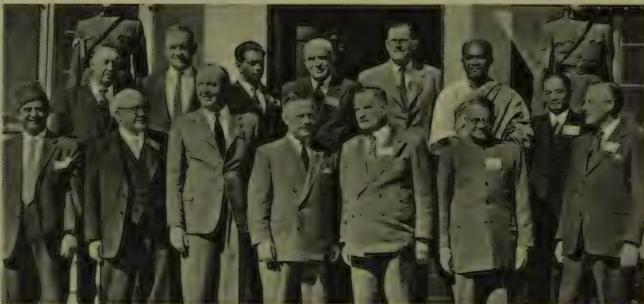
To us this may seem an undemocratic interdict. We cannot see anything wrong with such a pooling of interests in principle and we presume that if in practice it were disgraceful democrats uniting with autocrats, for example-it would be likely to bring discredit on the temporary partners, and so defeat its own ends. Turkey, however, stands at an early stage in her approach to democracy. The democracy. emergence and sensational victory of the Democratic Party which ended the one-party rule originally established by Mustapha Kemal was remark-

able. The conception came from him and was a proof of his broad-minded statesmanship. Now the road becomes steeper and a certain amount of disillusionment appears to have set in. Party politics, however valuable as an adjunct of democracy, do not as a rule leave their practitioners starry-eyed.

The Government has in Mr. Menderes an able leader both on the side of statesmanship and that of party management. He probably wishes that he had less of the latter to do, and his interests are in the former. He has seen, and has himself stimulated, progress in economic development since he took office. He has also seen an increase in economic strain, as has occurred in many countries since the Second World War. In foreign policy he has had to contemplate the decay of the Balkan Pact, not wholly compensated for by his country's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty. He has been involved—though largely on his own initiative—in the distressing dispute about Cyprus.

His weakest side and that most open to attack in an election campaign lies in the field in which Turkey lags to the greatest extent in progress towards democracy. The Press cannot be called free, though it is not controlled. It is free within the narrow limits of laws severe in themselves and on occasion sternly interpreted and applied. In the second place, Mr. Menderes and the Government are vulnerable on account of the restrictions imposed on the country in face of inflation and because he has been unsuccessful in checking inflation. It is not an isolated wn tale has been written in unusually bold letters and arresting style in Turkey. These factors would lead to the defeat of many Governments; but, as already stated, Mr. Menderes is confidently expected to survive

The platforms are not very far apart. One of the three Oppositions, the Freedom Party, was born as the result of a break-away from the Government. Mr. Menderes will have to meet heavier attacks on his record, his handling of the grave problems confronting the country, than on his political principles. Yet we have seen elsewhere that it does not always need wide differences in party programmes to engender heat in an election campaign. A certain amount has already appeared. The conflict has not spread to the radio because—or so I have been told on good authority—Opposition speakers are not allowed to use it in furtherance of their cause. The radio is a Government monopoly. I have already mentioned the Opposition's handicap in the Press law.



FINANCE MINISTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT THE COMMONWEALTH ECONOMIC CONFERENCE WHICH OPENED AT MONT TREMBLANT, QUEBEC, ON SEPTEMBER 29.

Our photograph shows: (front row, I. to r.) Mr. Syed Amjad Ali (Pakistan), Mr. J. F. Naudé (South Africa), Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; Mr. D. Fleming (Canadian Finance Minister), Sir Arthur Fadden (Australia), Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari (India), Sir D. Eccles (Board of Trade). (Back row, I. to r.) Mr. D. Macintyre (Rhodesia and Nyasaland), Mr. T. L. Macdonald (New Zealand), Mr. S. de Zoysa (Ceylon), Mr. G. Churchill (Minister of Trade, Canada), Mr. R. Maudling (Paymaster-General, U.K.), Mr. K. A. Gbedemah (Ghana), and Sir Henry Lee (Malaya).



THE FALL OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT: M. BOURGES-MAUNOURY SEATED ALONE IN THE CHAMBER AFTER THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH DEFEATED HIM.

On September 30 the French Premier, M. Bourgès-Maunoury, asked for a vote of confidence on his Algerian Bill and was defeated by 270 to 253 votes. M. Coty, the President, provisionally refused the Premier's resignation, but this has simply the effect of providing a caretaker Government until another can be formed.

Most general elections are fought in the main about domestic issues. It was to be expected that this would prove to be the case in Turkey. The Opposition's reproach that Mr. Menderes has been dictatorial, together with the economic and financial difficulties of the country, made it almost inevitable. Available reports suggest that foreign policy has played only a small part. Two topics which might possibly have made a stir, the future of Cyprus and the Baghdad Pact, have not

done so. Mr. Menderes may come in for some criticism over Cyprus, but there is unlikely to be much weight behind it. The ideologies which split Arab opinions about the Baghdad Pact have no serious repercussions in Turkey.

Nevertheless, with regard to Cyprus, the Turkish general election is by no means without importance. If the Government were considering any modification of its line on the subject, it would hold its hand until the election was done with. The head of the Government, presuming this to be still Mr. Menderes, would be able to devote more attention to it in a calmer atmosphere. I do not prophesy that Turkey is going to be any less inflexible than during the past two years. She may feel that the United States has become more

encouraging to her and less to Greece and the Cypriot majority, especially since the issue of Syria became prominent. It is, however, to the interest of the United States as the senior partner in N.A.T.O. to do everything possible to end the differences between two junior partners—and the only serious difference concerns Cyprus.

As I put it a fortnight ago, it is still recognised "by Turkish and Greek military opinion alike, that the defence of the two countries is virtually indivisible." I strove to make it clear that their former co-operation in the

Balkan Pact had ruled out an attack on either on the part of any satellite. What I had no space for on that occasion was the important consideration that the United States Sixth Fleet, which Turkey regards as her strongest safeguard—or the strongest support to her own stout army—would find it a difficult and dangerous task to come to her aid were Greece in hostile hands. Look at the position of the Peloponnese on a map covering the Mediterranean. I may be invited to look next at Cyprus. Yes, but then look at Crete, the fortress commanding entry to the Ægean. You cannot well insure against your friends.

There are twin tragedies in the eastern Mediterranean to-day. One is the undoing of the work of two great statesmen, Venizelos and Mustapha Kemal, who paved the way for good relations between Greece and Turkey after the most recent of their many wars. It may be a temporary calamity only, but it is to be deplored. The second is the hostility between the large Greek and the small Turkish community in Cyprus, who lived so long on excellent terms, sometimes when the two countries were at war with each other. (I am not for the moment concerned with a third tragedy, of which I have often written, the deterioration of Anglo-Greek friendship.) Morally and materially, they are a sign of sickness in the Western partnership.

Up till now this weakness has not been exploited, but there have been minor efforts in that direction. The most recent was a proposal addressed by Rumania to both countries for a conference on border troubles and other differences. It was made in friendly terms, but clearly came within the scope of propaganda. It could not be entertained. I do not know the terms of the Turkish reply, but the Greek scrupulously courteous. The Turkish general

terms of the Turkish reply, but the Greek was scrupulously courteous. The Turkish general election is not likely to exercise much influence on the relations between the two countries and most unlikely to worsen them. If it makes the smallest contribution to their improvement, that will be very welcome. The spectacle of two states with a very similar outlook, bound to each other by two unrepudiated treaties, on such terms of those of Greece and Turkey, has been before us too long.

#### A WINDOW ON THE WORLD-I.



San Marino, the tiny and picturesque republic in Northern Italy, claims to be both the smallest state and the oldest republic in To the world. these two claims a third distinction has more recently been added, for since the war San Marino has been the only Communist-controlled state in Western [Continued below.

(Left.)
SAN MARINO.
HEADQUARTERS OF
THE COMMUNIST-LED
GOVERNMENT OF SAN
M A R I N O: T H E
GOVERNMENT PALACE
ON THE MAIN SQUARE
OF THE TOWN.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE "PROVISIONAL" CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT-LED GOVERNMENT: A DERELICT RUBBER FACTORY AT ROVERETA, ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE ITALIAN FRONTIER.



TWO MEMBERS OF SAN MARINO'S COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT:
DR. GINO GIACOMINI (LEFT), THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND SIGNOR
DOMENICO MORGANTI, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.



AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE SAN MARINO CRISIS: SIGNOR ATTILIO GIANNINI, WHOSE DEFECTION FROM THE COMMUNIST SECTION OF PARLIAMENT RESULTED IN THE FINAL SWITCH OF THE MAJORITY TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT



SEEN IN THEIR MAKESHIFT HEADQUARTERS: THREE MEMBERS OF THE RIVAL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT (L. TO R.)—SIGNORS PIETRO GIANCECCHI, ALVARO CASALI AND ZACCARIA SAVORETTI.



PERCHED ON THE PEAK OF MONTE TITANO: SAN MARINO, THE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD'S SMALLEST STATE AND OLDEST REPUBLIC, WHICH HAS 14,000 INHABITANTS.



AT THE FRONTIER, ON THE RIMINI ROAD: ONE OF THE ROAD BLOCKS WHERE ITALIAN CARABINIERI WERE IMPOSING A BLOCKADE ON THE REPUBLIC.

Continued.] Europe. This Communist domination was threatened by resignations from the party and the consequent loss of the majority in the sixty-member Parliament. By dissolving Parliament on September 19 the two Captains Regent, whose term of office was coming to an end, hoped to save the situation; but the opposition, led by the Christian Democrats, announced this act as illegal, and some days later proclaimed its own "provisional Government," which was promptly recognised by the Italian Government on

October 2. While the two rival San Marino Governments collected all available weapons with which to arm their supporters, Italian carabinieri laid siege to the Republic and prevented nearly all movement into and out of San Marino's 38 square miles. At the time of writing this blockade had been strengthened by a number of armoured cars, but its effect seemed to be to enhance rather than to weaken the position of the Communist Government, and to prolong the situation of stalemate.

#### A WINDOW ON THE WORLD—II.



FAYAL, THE AZORES. THE BEGINNING OF AN ISLAND; LAVA BUBBLING UP THROUGH THE SEA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ERUPTION, WHICH CREATED A NEW ISLAND OFF FAYAL





VELSEN, THE NETHERLANDS. QUEEN JULIANA CUTTING THE TAPE TO OPEN THE TUNNEL

WHICH FORMS A NEW ROAD-RAIL LINK UNDER THE NORTH SEA CANAL.

The road-rail link which has come into being with the opening on September 28 of the tunnel under the North Sea canal was planned before the war and halted during the German occupation.

The total cost has been about £13,000,000.



FAYAL, THE AZORES. THE SUBMARINE VOLCANO IN ERUPTION OFF THE ISLAND OF FAYAL, WITH THE HISTORIC CAPELINHOS LIGHTHOUSE IN THE FOREGROUND.

At the end of September a series of continual earthquake shocks in the island of Fayal, in the Azores group in mid-Atlantic, heralded the eruption of a submarine volcano about 300 yards from the island. By October 3 an island of 760 ft. diameter and 131 ft. height had come into being and the eruption was continuing. The island seemed likely to join Fayal.



ARKANSAS, U.S.A. A SMALL GROUP OF WHITE STUDENTS WALKING OUT OF THE LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL, AFTER A STAGED "MASS WALK-OUT" FIZZLED OUT.

On Oct. 2 President Eisenhower rejected Governor Faubus' pledge to obey the law on segregation as inadequate; and on Oct. 8 some fifty white children staged an unsuccessful "mass walk-out" in protest against the presence of Negro students and some children who had stayed away from school hanged the effigy of a Negro and set it alight outside the school.

FINTONA, NORTHERN IRELAND. THE LAST JOURNEY OF WHAT IS CLAIMED AS IRELAND'S ONLY HORSE TRAM SERVICE, WHICH STARTED SOME SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

This horse tram, with first- and second-class service inside, and third above, used to form a half-mile link between Fintona and Fintona Junction station on the Omagh-Enniskillen railway, which has ceased to operate since the end of September.

#### A WINDOW ON THE WORLD-III.



WEST GERMANY. ARRIVING AT BREMERHAVEN: THE 30,447-TON FRENCH LINER PASTEUR, WHICH HAS BEEN SOLD TO THE GERMAN FIRM NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. The French liner Pasteur, which was used as a troopship throughout the war, has been sold to the German firm Norddeutscher Lloyd at a price reported as being about £1,800,000. It is understood that the liner will be refitted and renamed Bremen.



JAPAN. AFTER THE TYPHOON "FAYE" SWEPT THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER: FISHERMEN TRYING TO SAVE CARGOES OF FISH FROM THEIR WRECKED VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR OF TOMARI.



GREECE. REPATRIATED BY ALBANIA: GREEK HOSTAGES, ABDUCTED BY GUERILLAS IN 1947-49,
BEING GREETED AS THEY CROSSED THE ALBANIAN-GREEK BORDER.

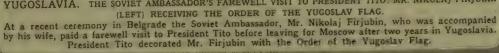
After spending years in an Albanian concentration camp some thenty-one Greek hostages were recently released. They were greeted by their fellow-countrymen as they crossed the border into Greece on September 30. Eighteen of them had been abducted by guerillas during the war of 1947-49.



WEST GERMANY. DURING THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE FOST-WAR MANGEUVRES OF THE BUNDESWEHR: GERMAN SOLDIERS MARCHING ALONG A STREET NEAR NIENBURG. The first mangeuvres of the Bundeswehr started in West Germany at the end of September. It was reported that the exercises revealed that the old efficiency of the Wehrmacht had disappeared. The performance of the troops was disappointing.



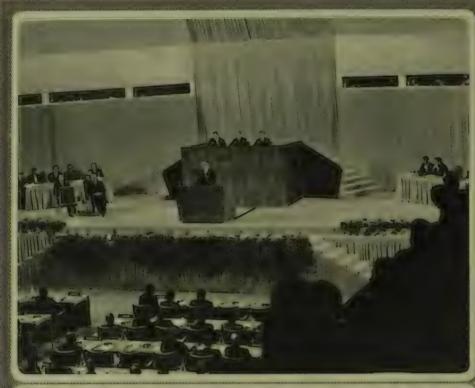
YUGOSLAVIA. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL VISIT TO PRESIDENT TITO: MR. NIKOLAJ FIRJUBIN





JORDAN. THE ROYAL BLOOD DONOR: KING HUSSEIN LYING ON A COUCH AS A DOCTOR EXTRACTED A PINT OF THE KING'S BLOOD, WHICH WAS THE FIRST DONATION TO THE NEWLY-OPENED BLOOD BANK IN AMMAN.

#### A WINDOW ON THE WORLD-IV.



VIENNA. IN THE KONZERTHAUS ON OCTOBER 1: THE SCENE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

Delegates and observers from some sixty-two countries gathered at Vienna to attend the first general conference of the International Atomic Energy Council, which may establish its permanent headquarters in Vienna.



SWITZERLAND. RECENTLY ENLARGED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE EIGHT RESEARCH GROUPS AT PRESENT HOUSED THERE: THE SPHINX ALPINE OBSERVATORY WHICH IS AT OVER 8000 FT. ABOVE SEA-LEVEL ON THE JUNGFRAUJOCH.



W. GERMANY. DURING THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY AT KIEL ON OCTOBER 1:
THE 250-TON HECHT (PIKE)—THE WEST GERMAN NAVY'S SECOND SUBMARINE.
Built during the war and scuttled in the Baltic in 1945, the submarine Hecht was raised earlier this year and completely overhauled before being handed over to the West German Navy at Kiel on October 1.

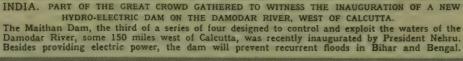


PARIS. OPENED AT THE GRAND PALAIS ON OCTOBER 3: A GENERAL VIEW OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SALON D'AUTOMOBILE, WHERE MANY BRITISH CARS ARE BEING SHOWN.

As in the London Motor Show cars from all over the world are exhibited at the Paris Salon d'Automobile, which continues at the Grand Palais until October 13. A large selection of minicars was being shown. Many of these are made in France, where they are increasing in popularity.



INDIA. PART OF THE GREAT CROWD GATHERED TO WITNESS THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW





INDIA. PRESIDENT NEHRU PRESSING THE BUTTON WHICH OPENED THE SLUICE-GATES OF THE NEW MAITHAN DAM, ONE OF A SERIES OF FOUR CONTROLLING THE WATERS OF THE DAMODAR RIVER.

#### MODERN HOUSING FOR CAMBRIDGE.



THE TWO HOUSES TO BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE MAIN APPROACH TO THE NEW PROJECT: 45 AND 47 HILLS ROAD, IN THE VICTORIAN PART OF CAMBRIDGE.



RECENTLY ERECTED BY SPAN DEVELOPMENTS LTD. AT HAM COMMON: A THREE-STOREY BLOCK OF FLATS OF THE TYPE PROPOSED FOR THE CAMBRIDGE SITE.



THE TALLEST PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING YET PROPOSED IN ENGLAND: AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE FIFTEEN-STOREY BLOCK OF FLATS—135 FT. HIGH—WHICH IS TO BE THE CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE CAMBRIDGE SCHEME.

A FOUR-ACRE site in Victorian Cambridge at the junction of Hills Road and Station Road has been leased from Jesus College by Span Developments Ltd., of Richmond, Surrey, who propose to erect an up-to-date housing scheme which would provide 161 dwellings in all. The project, which had been approved in outline but still awaits final permission, consists of a fifteen-storey block of flats—135 ft. high and measuring 54 by 64 ft. at the base—with a series of smaller two- and three-storey blocks of flats at its base. The layout follows the tradition of Cambridge with the use of pedestrian approaches through quadrangles and courts to the centre of the site, but providing adequate parking and garaging facilities off the main access. The architect is Mr. Eric Lyons, and Sir Leslie Martin, Professor of Architecture at Cambridge, has been consulted throughout. It is hoped that construction will start in the new year and will be completed in about fifteen months.

#### WARSHIPS IN BRITISH DOCKS.

WHILE taking part in the recent N.A.T.O. exercises, the U.S. nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus spent her longest period under water, and surfaced 40 miles east of Bishop Rock at midnight on September 30 after 14 days 4 hours. Her captain, Commander W. R. Anderson, said that her performance during the exercises "exceeded expectations." During the fourteen days under water she steamed 5007 miles at an average speed of 15 knots. The 59,650-ton U.S. aircraft carrier Forrestal, which had also taken part in the N.A.T.O. exercises, paid her first call to a foreign port when she docked at Southampton, and came alongside close to the graving dock occupied by H.M.S. Ark Royal.



ARRIVING AT PORTLAND HARBOUR ON OCTOBER 1: THE U.S. NUCLEAR-POWERED SUB-MARINE NAUTILUS, WHICH HAD RECENTLY SPENT HER LONGEST PERIOD UNDER WATER.



THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH SHE DOCKED AT A PORT OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: THE U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER FORRESTAL MOVING INTO SOUTHAMPTON ON SEPTEMBER 30.



TOGETHER IN SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS: THE BRITISH AIRCRAFT CARRIER ARK ROYAL IN THE FOREGROUND WITH THE U.S. CARRIER FORRESTAL BEYOND TO THE LEFT.

## ONE OF THE GREATEST BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II.

"CASSINO: PORTRAIT OF A BATTLE." By FRED MAJDALANY.\* An Appreciation by SIR JOHN SQUIRE.

HITLER said of the Battle of Cassino that it was the only battle of his war that reminded him of Ypres and Verdun in the First World War—he may have preferred to forget Stalingrad. It was very prolonged, consisting of four several terrific struggles spread over five months and linked by perpetual bombardment. battle was fought in the bitter Italian winter, the last in the blazing Italian summer, and both over terrain as difficult as armies could conceivably have to face, with crowded mountains intersected by ravines and rapid rivers, and the steep hills covered with boulders, often pathless, and made of solid rock in which it was impossible for the attackers to dig trenches, but in which the defending Germans, who had plenty of time for preparation, could blast or build defensive positions of the most formidable kind. Cassino, the town and the great monastery crowning its hill, blocked the roads leading to Rome and the North and their possession by the Germans precluded that junction of the Eighth and Fifth Armies with the force landed at the Anzio beach-head, which was essential for progress to Rome and the north. To have invested and contained this precipitous stronghold might have occurred to an old-time school of warriors; but, under modern conditions, we hadn't the troops to do it-apart from which, as General Alexander wrote to a questioning ex-soldier Prime Minister, flanking movements were not possible.

Mr. Majdalany was there as an infantry officer: saw it all on the spot, and returned as a revenant later; he has fortified his memory by resort to the despatches and books of all sorts of commanders on both sides, by letters to and from captured or killed prisoners, and even by interviews with Benedictine monks. He has taken a very fair view, even when he has to indulge in military criticism, of operations. As his book goes on (and I doubt if even my skilful colleague Cyril Falls could compress an account of all the operations into one page) he tends to forget the war at large and concentrate on the monastery on the hill. To both sides, he suggests, Cassino became a Thermopylæ. Each side, forgetting what was happening in the rest of the world, lived in the spirit of "They shall not pass." The German

were going to run a defence-line, if not through the monastery, at least a few yards below it. German officer (he was really an Austrian Catholic named Schlegel) came to the Abbot and begged him to allow all his movable treasures to be shifted. The Abbot was resolute and swore that everything should stay put. There was a second visit, and the result was still nothing. At a third visit a huge convoy of German lorries arrived, with packing materials. All the movables (including, I suppose, the early manuscripts of Homer, Virgil, Horace, et al.) were taken to Homer, Virgil, Horace, et al.) were taken to Spoleto, and then to Rome. A few missing loads were discovered in Germany after we over-ran the place. It is an odd thing that Schlegel belonged to the Hermann Goering Division. For



VIEWED FROM THE TOWN RUINS: CASTLE HILL WITH MONASTERY HILL IMMEDIATELY BEHIND IN THE DISTANT BACKGROUND. (Hulton Picture Library.)

Illustrations reproduced from the book Cassino: Portrait of a Battle"; by courtesy of the publishers, Longmans, Green and Co.

> it was Goering who proclaimed the Baedeker Raids" on England: in other words, the destruction beautiful buildings in beautiful cities. I think it is time that somebody, preferably Mr. Trevor-Roper, wrote a thorough biography of that strange creature, who wanted, if he could not possess beautiful things, to destroy them.

BEFORE: THE CENTRAL COURTYARD OF THE MONASTERY, SHOWING THE FAMOUS BRAMANTE CLOISTER. (E.N.A.) The impeccable commander, in all this story, is General Alexander. Many controversial points arise; for example, the American General Clark switched, against orders, the Anzio detachments' course from a pincer-movement which would have captured, or sent in routed retreat, the German forces, to a direct march on Rome. General Clark, who seems to have had the mind of an sing-man, had the idea that the British wanted to get to Rome first (whereas General Alexander, as a soldier, was thinking of putting the enemy out of action): he got to Rome first and had a Press conference on the Palatine.

> Controversy about that will, I suppose, be ged later. So also controversy about the snatching of divisions from General Alexander for the Normandy invasion, just as he was going to sweep the Germans to the Alps.

> The author makes his views clear, without arguing. He has written a noble book, admitting the nobility of the soldiers on both sides. He has

also written a book: the grandeur of his theme has frequently lifted his prose, though has never attempted "fine writing."

In all this struggle for the mountain and the monastery, in which a handful of monks, an aged Abbot, and a few whimpering grandmothers and children

MR. FRED MAJDALANY. Mr. Fred Majdalany was born in Manchester in 1913, and was educated at King William's, Isle of Man. He was dramatic critic of the Sunday Referee from 1937-39. During the war he served with the Army in North Africa, Sicily and Italy and was North Africa, Sicily and Italy and Was awarded the M.C. Since 1946 Mr. Majdalany has been writing for the Daily Mail and is also a regular contributor to a number of publications. His books include: "The Monastery" and "Patrol."

THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK WHICH IS REVIEWED ON THIS PAGE:

(taking refuge from a war which they did not understand), many men and nations were involved. The long assault on that monastery engaged tremendously brave American divisions, a superb New Zealand division, an Indian division (which preserved an ancient tradition of loyalty between Indians and Englishmen), and miscellaneous units from all quarters of the globe.

Amongst those men were the Poles. Throughout modern times they have had a "bad show," sandwiched between the greedy Russians and the grim Prussians: once more, when Stalin made his deal with Hitler, they found themselves carved up, as they were in the cold-blooded "Partitions" of the eighteenth century.

They, being gentlemen, kept going, and refused to surrender. This author says that the Poles (who were far from their country and with only a distant hope of rescuing it from the pounce of the Bear) "completed the destruction of the Hitler Line by taking Piedimonte. In a fortnight these two under-strength Polish divisions



AFTER: THE CENTRAL COURTYARD, SHOWING THE RUINS AND DESOLATION AFTER THE BATTLE OF CASSINO. (Imperial War Museum.)

and their Armoured Brigade had lost 281 officers and 3503 other ranks—of whom one-third were killed, and only 102 missing. These terrible figures speak for themselves. The gallantry of the Poles was beyond praise and there is a particular poignancy in the inscription on the memorial in their war cemetery which now stands on the slopes of the hill known as Point 593:

> We Polish soldier For our freedom and yours Have given our souls to God, Our bodies to the soil of Italy And our hearts to Poland."

It is the Polish equivalent of Rupert Brooke's: "There's some corner of a foreign field, That is for ever England." "By their selfless immolation," says our author, "the Poles converted that grim mountainside into a memorial to soldiers

\* "Cassino: Portrait of a Battle." By Fred Majdalanv. Illustrated. (Longmans; 218.)

soldiers, judging from their letters, knew that Hitler's War was already lost. The British, when they were "resting," played cricket and football, to the bewilderment of their (how rightly)

deadly serious allies, the Poles. There came a point, when the mountain was at last being won,

when, under the cover of the Red Cross, patrols

from both sides scrambled out for the wounded,

high in its dignity, was the home of St. Benedict,

from which light had spread into the Dark Ages,

and in which countless classical manuscripts had been preserved and copied and passed on to us by an Order broadmindedly addicted to learning.

of the place. The octogenarian Abbot simply

could not believe that our own day could produce

the savagery which might destroy it, and its priceless treasures; the Germans knew that they

The Allied invaders were aware of the sanctity

Over a

and were allowed to pass

Novels are reviewed by K. John, and other books by E. D. O'Brien, on page 610 of this issue.



THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL AT BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE: A VIEW OF THE IMPRESSIVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was founded in 1798, and in 1867 the Royal Masonic School was opened. It moved to its present site at Bushey at the beginning of this century. The fine School buildings at Bushey are set in beautiful and spacious grounds, and were designed by Messrs. Gordon and Gunton. The Chapel and Junior School are the work of different architects, and were added at later dates. The aim of the School is to educate

sons of Freemasons elected to receive benefits following the death or incapacity of the father. There are about 400 boarders in the Upper School, and in the Junior School about 350. Each year, approximately a hundred new boys enter the School. Because of the circumstances in which boys come to the School, the seniors are encouraged to help the younger boys to overcome difficulties of adjustment which they themselves have surmounted, tist, Dennis Flanders.

Drawn by our Special Artist, Dennis Flanders.



A SCENE FAMILIAR TO OLD MASONIANS: A VIEW OF THE SCHOOL FROM THE SPACIOUS PLAYING FIELDS.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL, WHICH WAS BUILT IN 1927 ON AN ESTATE ADJOINING THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Continued and in this way an atmospher of great friendlines has been created. Special arrangements are made for boys who have no family to go to in the holidays. The maintenance of discipline in the Upper School is entrusted largely to prefects, and this is one of the ways in which a sense of responsibility is developed among the boys. While some boys enter the professions, often by way of the university, for those who are destined for a career in commerce

or industry there is special provision in the School curriculum, which includes instruction in book-keeping and typing. Besides games and athletics, School activities include metal-work, as can be seen from one of our drawings, and other arts and crafts, and a notable feature of School life is the weekly school lecture, when one of the boys addresses the whole School on some topic of interest. The School has a flourishing Cadet Corps. The [Continued debt., right.]



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THE LARGE AND WELL-EQUIPPED SCHOOL WORKSHOP. ON THE RIGHT IS THE ENCLOSURE FOR WELDING OPERATIONS.

THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL AT BUSHEY: VIEWS OF THE FINE SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, AND THE INTERIOR OF THE SCHOOL WORKSHOP.

Drawn by our Special Artist, Dennis Planders.



THE LOSS OF THE PAMIR: A SCENE DURING THE GREAT BARQUE'S LAST ORDEAL IN THE HURRICANE-SWEPT ATLANTIC, RECONSTRUCTED BY OUR ARTIST FROM SURVIVORS' REPORTS.

The last few hours of the four-masted sailing barque Pamir, which sank in a hurricane in the Atlantic on September 21 with the loss of eighty hands, have been described by the survivors, five of whom returned home to West Germany on September 29. The sixth survivor, Gunther Hasselbach, was landed at San Juan, Puetro Rico, on the same day from the French ship Anilach A report, compiled from the experiences of the five survivors, stated that the first warning of the hurricane was received at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, and the crew was instructed to make the ship secure against the storm. An

hour later, with winds getting very strong, but no rain, the watch was instructed to reduce sail. By then the wind was so fierce that the men were unable to take up the sails and some of them were carried away; other sails were then cut away. The force of the hurricane caused the ship to list to port 30 degrees, then to 35 and finally to 64, the maximum that the climometer could register. No lifeboats could be launched and they were later torn from the ship by the fury of the sea, but a small rubber life-raft was launched. At about 10.45 a.m. an S O S was sent just as the ship rolled further, with her masts in the water.

The men who were hanging on the upper edge of the ship were forced to drop down an almost vertical deck "one atop another into the water." With riced away; other sails were then when ship is to list to port 30 degrees, that the clinometer could register. In the ship is batter of the ship by the slaunched. At about 10.45 a.m. Karl Otto Dummer, the ship's batter, and one of the survivors, later stated that during the ordeal there was no panic on Pamis, and, the ship is the same the survivors, later stated that during the ordeal there was no panic on Pamis, and the men were well disciplined. The survivors swam away from the sinking which is the same than the same than

this lifeboat were picked up fifty-four hours later by the U.S. freighter Saxon. The sixth survivor was rescued from another lifeboat by the U.S. cutter Abseon. At a short private meeting of inquiry in Hamburg on September 29, Captain Eggers, master of the Pamir, who was not on board because of sickness, said that the ship would have righted herself if she had been fitted with wooden masts. They would have snapped under the force of the hurricane, but the metal masts and wire rigging were too strong and capsized the vessel. It was understood that an official inquiry into the disaster was to be held.

#### KING HAAKON'S LAST JOURNEY: THE ROYAL FUNERAL IN NORWAY



FOR THE CATHEDRAL. FOLLOWED BY THE ROYAL MOURNERS



THE FUNERAL COR-TEGE ARRIVING AT THE CATHEDRAL: BEHIND CAN BE SEEN KING OLAV AND PRINCE HARALD AND THE FOUR KINGS.







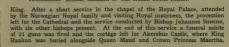
KING HAAKON'S COFFIN STANDING BEFORE THE ALTAR DURING THE FUNERAL SERVICE IN OSLO CATHEDRAL CONDUCTED BY BISHOP



PART OF THE PROCESSIONAL ROUTE OF KING HAAKON'S FUNERAL, SHOWING THE GREAT CROWDS WHICH LINED THE THREE MILES OF THE ROUTE IN SORROW FOR, AND GRATITUDE TO, A GREAT KING.



THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE FUNERAL: THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER (CENTRE) BETWEEN (LEFT) PRINCE ALEXABDER DESTA OF ETHIOPIA AND PRINCE FELLY OF LUXEMBOURG. BEHIND, MEMBERS OF THE DANISH ROYAL FAMILY.





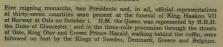


LEAVING AKERSHUS CASTLE: (L. TO R.) PRESIDENT KEKKONEN OF FINLAND, THE DANISH MASTER OF THE HOUNDS, QUEEN JULIANA AND PRINCE BERNHARD OF THE NETHERLANDS: AND (PARTILY HIDDEN) PRESIDENT ASCENSION OF ICELAND.

in the Royal vault which lies immediately below the chapel. At this part of the ceremony detachments of the Royal Navy and of the Green Howards were present, King Haakon having been an Honorary Admiral of the Royal Navy and Honorary Colonel of the Green Howards. A Royal family memorial service for King Haakon was to be held in the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on October 11, on the command of H.M. the Queen.



MOURNERS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES: (L. TO R.) H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, PRESIDENT KEKKONEN OF FINLAND, PRESIDENT ASGEIRSSON OF ICELAND, PRINCE BERNHARD OF THE NETHERLANDS



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, Queen Louise of Sweden and Queen Ingrid of Denmark drove in the procession in open cars. The routes, from the Royal Palace to the Cathedral and from the Cathedral to Akershus Palace, were lined by some 4000 troops in which, at the wish of King Olay, naval untits predominated; and the pavements were crowded with people showing their mourning and their gratitude for the wise and long reign of a great

MEMBERS OF THE DANISH ROYAL FAMILY AND RELATIONS OF KING HAAKON, WHO WAS A SON OF FREDERIK VIII OF DEMMARK: (L. TO.R.) COUNT FLEMMING OF ROSEMBORG, PRINCE GEORG OF DEMMARK AND COUNT OLUV OF ROSEMBORG.

I 'M told that miniatures, after being rather out I of favour for some years past, are now coming back into fashion—and, true enough, now I come to think of it, I have not noticed any great number coming up at auction recently; that is generally a fair indication of the popularity or otherwise of any particular branch of the world of artif a thing, for one reason or another, is not much in demand, it just disappears from the market, to emerge once more when conditions change. I'm not, of course, speaking of extraordinary rarities—a Holbein or a Nicholas Hilliard or even a Samuel Cooper-but of the normal run-of-themill miniatures which were produced in such great numbers between, say, 1750 and 1820. I suppose these pretty things (for, in most cases, pretty is the word rather than any more portentous adjective) were rather over-praised twenty or thirty years ago. Perhaps, too, there was another reason for a lack of interest in them; they are, of necessity, painted with a minute exactitude wholly different to the broad slashing treatment characteristic of nearly all modern masters. Consequently, many people find them tiresomely niggling, over-sweet and over-detailed; we have, maybe, lost the habit of looking closely at anything.

I am inclined also to blame a certain type of collector who, instead of judging by quality, which is really the only criterion, bought names rather than paintings, thus encouraging the less reputable to provide nice bogus signatures. Others demanded only portraits of known personages, whence much scurrying to and fro to try and fit some unknown beauty to what was thought to

## A PAGE FOR COLLECTORS.

By FRANK DAVIS.

#### SOME ENGLISH EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY MINIATURES.

the 1770's—when John Smart, Norwich-born, was establishing himself in London, and before he sailed to India to make his fortune. There he spent ten years, from 1785 to 1795, first in Madras, then in Lucknow and Calcutta. We are told that "none of the Chiefs will submit to be painted by any other artist." That is perhaps an exaggeration, but he was undoubtedly much in demand and returned with a considerable nest-egg.

To me he always seems a far better miniaturepainter than little Richard Cosway (Fig. 6), that rather endearing, superstitious and versatile flop who was the darling of his generation but whose portraits,



with him as a servant (I presume as a studio helper). After two years, in 1785, this young man, then aged twenty-two, set up on his own and made a successful career until his death in 1837, just before the advent of the camera more or less destroyed the profession of miniaturist-or, at least, made it exceedingly difficult and chancy. A good, competent practitioner (Fig. 7), better at reproducing handsome features than in delineating character—in short, one of the many who took Cosway as their model. I find the young man of Fig. 4, in his blue coat with its red-and-white-striped facings, a better, more intimate portrait, and its maker, Philip Jean, an altogether more interesting painter. Jean was born at St. Ouen, Jersey, in 1755, and as a boy served in the Navy under Admiral Rodney. It is curious to find a native of the Channel Islands referred to by our insular selves, when he exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1787, as "this ingenious foreigner," but so it was. He seems to have made a reard there is a reard that it is the large and the reard that it is the large and the reard that the large and the reard that the re the less, and there is an oil painting by him (presumably not a miniature) of George III in the Court House of St. Heliers. No doubt many of his miniatures still belong to old Jersey families.

I have room for one more, and this of a different category—a miniature on enamel, not on parchment or card or ivory. This is attributed in the catalogue to Jean Petitot (Fig. 5), by which, I presume, is meant the younger Jean Petitot, the eldest of his father's seventeen children, though it is by no means easy to distinguish between the work of father and son. Miniature painting on enamel, though attractive, never became common, no doubt because the firing (the fixing of the various colours under heat) was so difficult. But it was practised occasionally, and those who saw the George Stubbs Exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery last year will doubtless remember some quite large experiments by that most industrious and engaging of painters. Of the two Jean Petitots, the father, born in 1607, came to England about 1637 and worked for Charles I. He was a Protestant and found himself in trouble



FIG. 4. "PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG MAN," BY PHILIP JEAN (1755-1802); AND FIG. 5. "PORTRAIT OF A YOUTH," BY JEAN PETITOT (1653-AFTER 1696). (Height of Fig. 5; 1% ins.)

be the authentic features of the Duchess of This or the famous Mrs. That. All these antics are beside the point: irrespective of the sitter or the artist, the painting is either good or not so good, and that 's all there is to it. Nor is it reasonable to expect everything by even the best practitioners to be of equal quality. Homer sometimes nods, and even Rembrandt was not always at the top of his form.

It so happens that I was looking through some eighty miniatures which came up for sale at Christie's on October 4. This is written before the event, but I venture to pick out one which seems to me to stand out above all the others, and above others by the same gifted hand. It is difficult to judge by a photograph, but I think that even without the colours, most people will have little difficulty in deciding that Fig. 2 here is decidedly superior to the remainder, including the two (Figs. I and 3) which are also by John Smart. All three belong to the same decade—

ALL DATING FROM
THE 1770's: THREE
MINIATURES BY
JOHN SMART (17411811), WHICH ARE
DISCUSSED BY
FRANK DAVIS. THE
MINIATURES
SHOWN ON THIS
PAGE WERE SOLD
AT CHRISTIE'S ON
OCTOBER 4—FIG. 2
REALISING A
RECORD PRICE OF
900 GNS.
(Height of Fig. 1;
1½ ins.)

particularly of women, are liable to be insipid. There exists a rather unkind but, none the less, shrewdcontemporary criti-

cism of him-"Dapper Cosway's very pretty portrait of his very pretty self," which, none the less, puts the case against him in a nutshell. Perhaps the distinction between the work of the two men can be expressed thus. You can imagine the average John Smart, and certainly the miniature of Fig. 3, enlarged to three or four times its actual size without loss of vigour or natural dignity; Cosway, in my view, would make a poor showing in so severe a test; his line is too unsure, his handling too loose. However, all these things are matters of opinion. In his time Cosway was enormously successful, the friend of the Prince of Wales and of everyone of importance. Moreover, he was no mean connoisseur of Old Master drawings, like Sir Peter Lely before him, his contemporary Reynolds and his younger contemporary Lawrence, and he presented the Louvre with some cartoons by Giulio Romano.

At one time a boy named Andrew Plimer, the son of a Staffordshire clockmaker, took a post



FIG. 6. "PORTRAIT OF A GENTLEMAN," BY RICHARD COSWAY, R.A. (1742-1821); AND FIG. 7. "PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG MAN," BY ANDREW PLIMER (1763-1837). (Height of Fig. 6; 23 ins.)

in France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, but not before he had produced much fine work, mainly small portrait enamels after well-known paintings. He settled in Switzerland and died there in 1691. The son, who was born in 1653, also came to England. He arrived as a boy of fourteen and worked for Charles II until 1682. Then he represented the Republic of Geneva in Paris, and returned to England in 1696.

I think one should regard miniatures not so much as pictures but as jewels; things to be kept in a drawer and gloated over at leisure from time to time. And, indeed, very many of them were conceived in this way, as fittings for a bracelet for example (Fig. 3 was devised for this purpose), or as the jewelled ornament of a dress. Fig. 2, which I claim to be as fine as any John Smart in the world, has the most beautiful diamond frame, while Fig. 1 is enclosed in a pearl-bordered frame with a three-pearl pendant loop.

A RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION

IN THE DIPLOMA GALLERY.

#### THE WORK OF SIR GERALD KELLY SHOWN AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY.



"PORTRAIT OF A HEADMISTRESS": PAINTED IN 1934 AND EXHIBITED AT THE R.A. THAT YEAR. (Oil on canvas; 261 by 311 ins.) (Lent by St. Olave's and St. Saviour's School.)



"MRS. HARRISON": PAINTED IN PARIS IN 1907 AND PURCHASED BY SIR HUGH LANE FOR DUBLIN THAT YEAR. (Oil on canvas; 68 by 29½ ins.) (Lent by the Municipal Gallery of Modern Art, Dublin.)

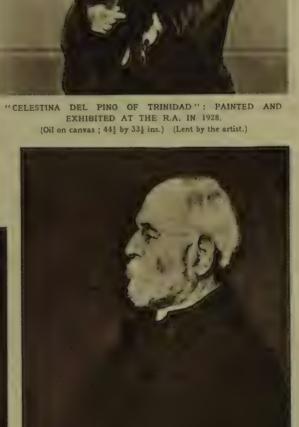




"SAW OHN NYUN V (B. F. 97)": ONE OF SIR GERALD'S SERIES OF BURMESE FIGURE PAINTINGS, DATED 1932 (Oil on canvas; 38 by 313 ins.) (Lent by T. J. Carlyle Gifford, Esq.)



"UP AT THE VILLA (W. S. MAUGHAM)": PAINTED AT CAP FERRAT IN 1935 AND SHOWING SOMERSET MAUGHAM CORRECTING THE TEXT OF "THE SUMMING-UP." (Oil on canvas; 30 by 25 ins.) (Lent by Alan Searle, Esq.)



: A PORTRAIL REV. F. F. KELLY, PAINTED AT CAMBERWELL IN 1903, AND AMONG THE EARLIEST WORKS IN THIS EXHIBITION. (Oil on canvas; 22 by 18 ins.) (Lent by the artist.)

Continued.]

work was painted abroad, and the exhibition includes several striking groups of small land-scapes painted during his travels. Sir Gerald was elected A.R.A. in 1922, R.A. in 1930, and President of the Royal Academy in 1949. His outstanding work as a portrait painter was crowned by the commission for the State portraits of the King and the Queen in 1945. These are shown in the exhibition, which continues at Burlington House until December 15.



"HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER": PAINTED FROM SITTINGS AT WINDSOR IN APRIL 1939 AND MARCH 1941. (Oil on canvas;  $38\frac{1}{2}$  by  $32\frac{1}{2}$  ins.) (Lent by the artist.)

SIR GERALD KELLY, K.C.V.O., P.P.R.A., is the fourth member of the Royal Academy to be honoured in his lifetime with a retrospective exhibition. Some 300 works, selected by Sir Gerald himself, with the help of Mr. Henry Rushbury and Mr. Edward Le Bas, have been assembled in the Diploma Gallery Le Bas, have been assembled in the Diploma Ganery to give a comprehensive survey of his long and successful career. Born in 1879, the son of the Rev. F. F. Kelly, Sir Gerald was educated at Eton and Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Much of his early [Continued opposite.]



"JANE XLVI (c)": ONE OF SIR GERALD'S MANY PORTRAITS OF HIS WIFE-BEGUN c. 1923 AND WORKED ON SPASMODICALLY UNTIL 1946. (Oil on canvas; 45 by 35 ins.) (Lent by the artist.)





#### THE WORLD OF SCIENCE.





#### ANTS WEAVE WITH LIVING SHUTTLES.

WHEN the human species started to make the first tools it set its feet on the long road leading to the overwhelming achievements in technology from which to-day there is no escape. This capacity to make and use tools is one of the more obvious characters that set man apart from the rest of the living world, but, as with most, if not all, human abilities there is no sharp line of demarcation between us and the rest of the animal

world. There are, for example, some animals that

use tools. Their number is very small, and every so often one finds the question posed, or it comes up casually in the course of a discussion, as to how many and what animals actually use an implement which is not part of their own bodily structure. A very large number are, of course, capable of craftsmanship, whether it be weaving a nest or building a shelter of sticks, stones, or what else, but usually these are accomplished by moulding or manipulating the materials with the feet, jaws or some other part of the body.

Among the true tool-users of the animal world are numbered the sea-otter of the north-east Pacific which uses a stone to crush the sea-urchins on which it feeds, and the sand-wasp which, having laid its egg in the ground, fills in the entrance to the tunnel with sand and takes a larger sand-grain in its jaws to hammer this down firmly. One of the Darwin's finches of the Galapagos uses a stick, held in its beak, to probe the crevices in the bark for insects. A bowerbird paints the walls of its bower using charcoal mixed with saliva and applied with a wad of fibre of its own manufacture. A chimpanzee is said to have bitten a piece of wood into

the form of a key to fit a lock—and, of course, some chimpanzees have been known to paint pictures.

I have often listened to or taken part in attempts to list the various animal tool-users, but I do not recall ever hearing mentioned one of the most remarkable of all, the kerengga, or red tree ant. This is usually referred to as (Ecophylla, from its scientific name Œcophylla smaragdina, the first part of which means house-leaf, or the ant which builds its nest in leaves. M. W. F. Tweedie and J. L. Harrison, in their book "Malayan Animal Life," published three years ago, tell us the Life," published three years ago, tell us the kerengga "is known to everyone who at all frequently strays off the path in his walks in Malaya." This ant is long-legged, fairly large, and sports some unusual colours. The workers are a rusty red, the queens are bright green and the males are black. The nests are contained within the living leaves of trees and bushes, the leaves being joined together with silk. It is a great pity we do not know more about the habits of the kerengga, but our ignorance there may, perhaps, be partially explained by another quotation from "Malayan Animal Life": "These (i.e., the queens and males) can usually be found by anyone who has the courage to pull a nest to pieces." Apparently this particular ant is strongly possessive in a territorial sense, and the workers savagely attack anyone who so much as brushes against the branches carrying the nest. They do not sting in the straightforward manner of most ants, but bite with their jaws and eject an acrid fluid over the wound.

Such intense aggression seems hardly necessary in view of the skill and ease with which a tear in

By MAURICE BURTON, D.Sc.

the nest can be repaired, but this, doubtless, has some relation to the need for carrying out that operation undisturbed. When repairs are necessary a number of the workers station themselves along one edge of the tear and, taking a firm grip with their feet, reach over and seize the other edge with their jaws. Holding the two edges firmly in place by this means is almost the equivalent of

temporary repairs with living stitches. Meanwhile other workers bring from the nest itself a number of larvæ, the tools, if they may be so called, by which permanent repairs shall be effected.

No adult ant has the ability to produce silk. In some species the larvæ in pupating spin a cocoon of silk, in others they pupate naked, with no protective covering. The larva of the red tree ant,

sufficient workers are produced, as well as a supply of larvæ, the work of fastening the leaves together can then proceed.

It is simple enough to say that the ants hold the leaves together while their fellow-workers sew them with silk, but even this operation requires organisation. In thinking of this I recall an occasion when a large tent canvas had been laid out on the lawn to dry and the moment had come to fold it up. Two others came forward with me to perform this operation, but the surprising thing was that so much confusion of action followed, and quite a lot of exchange of ideas and instruction by word of mouth, before the canvas was finally folded and stowed away. Always in such an operation the work will only proceed smoothly if there is a leader, or foreman, who decides in advance how it shall be done and issues very clear commands to each participant while the work is under way. Kerengga seems to be able to do a similar task to this, quietly and efficiently, without issuing orders, and without a team-leader.

It is not as though the task was always as simple as having the two edges close together, so that a row of ants merely station themselves along one edge, lean over, take the other edge in the jaws and so hold the two edges firm. Sometimes the distance between the two edges is too great to permit this. Then, instead of a single row, groups of ants will co-operate. The first ants seize the edge of one leaf with their legs and lean



PHOTOGRAPHING THE ANTS REPAIRING THEIR NESTS: MR. MICHAEL TWEEDIE, THE CURATOR OF RAFFLES MUSEUM, SINGAPORE, USING A CAMERA WHICH WAS SPECIALLY BUILT FOR HIM BY A SINGAPORE INVENTOR.

the kerengga, makes no cocoon but it does produce silk. So we have the spectacle of one group of workers holding the torn edges of a leaf together while other workers repair it, each holding a larva in its jaws and passing it like the shuttle of a loom from one edge to another. This not only fastens the two edges together, but in the end fills the space between with a stout sheet of silk. The same method is used in the first place for fastening the leaves together to protect the nest as a whole. Presumably a nest is founded as in other ants: the queen starts, as other ant queens do, tending the larvæ hatching from them until they have reached the stage

of fully-grown workers, after which these take over all the duties except egg-laying, a task to which the queen then devotes herself exclusively. If this be so, it is easy to see that the green colour of the queen could stand her in good stead, making her inconspicuous against the living leaf during the hazardous days when the foundation of the colony is her responsibility alone, and the leaves have not been drawn together in a protecting envelope. When



KERENGGA ANTS ATTENDING SOME SCALE INSECTS ON WHOSE SWEET EXUDATIONS THEY MAINLY FEED.

forward, as usual, and over each of these another ant will clamber, to hold on by its legs and reach forward. Thus, each group forms a chain in which each ant holds on to the one behind with its hindlegs, the leading ant finally being in a position to grip the other edge of the leaf in its jaws. The number of such chains, and the length of each is adjusted as the gap narrows or widens. And it is all done without leaders to direct or orders issued.

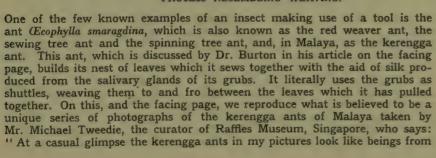
#### LIKE "BEINGS FROM ANOTHER PLANET": THE AMAZING WEAVING ANTS OF MALAYA.



KERENGGA ANTS FOLDING LEAVES TOGETHER WITH THEIR JAWS AND THE HOOKS ON THEIR FEET. WHEN THE LEAVES HAVE BEEN FOLDED INTO A WATER-TIGHT COIL THEY BUILD THEIR NESTS INSIDE.



"ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH . . . ": THE ANTS, POISED ON THEIR HIND LEGS, PULLING THE EDGES OF THE TORN LEAF TOGETHER BEFORE FINALLY REPAIRING THEIR NEST BY A DESCENDING UPON IT AS IF ABOUT TO KILL IT, BUT THEY ARE, IN PROCESS RESEMBLING WEAVING.





REPAIRING A SLIT: ANTS LYING ON THE TORN LEAF AND USING THEIR WEIGHT AND JAWS TO PULL THE EDGES TOGETHER. THE "REPAIR" IS LATER COVERED WITH A LAYER OF SILK SPUN BY ANT LARVÆ.



FACT, CLEANING IT, PRESUMABLY TO RID IT OF HUMAN SCENT.

another planet. Because of its bite most people in Malaya are familiar with the kerengga, which makes its nests in bushes or trees by folding living leaves. Few people, however, know the extraordinary method they use to join the leaves together. This can easily be observed by tearing a slit in a nest. Very soon the ants will assemble at the breach and seize one edge with their jaws, holding tightly to the other side with tiny sharp hooks on their feet. combined pull of a number of them is enough to draw the edges together, and then other ants fetch their own larvæ from inside the nest. These larvæ—but not the ants themselves—can spin silk, like a silkworm. By passing them to and fro in the gap between the torn edges a web of silk is spun and the damage is repaired."



## IN AN ENGLISH GARDEN.

IVY, in its many forms and varieties, has always been a popular climber for clothing house and other walls. A popular but perhaps not always a

particularly wise choice. It has, of course, certain advantages. It is easy to propagate, and dead easy to grow. It is a self-clinger, needing neither trellis nor wires to give it a leg-up. But it needs regular attention. Left to its own devices it will

invade the gutters, and even pass on up to the tiles or slates, where it can do untold damage. Then, too, it must be severely clipped from time to time. After a certain age, and left unclipped, it becomes a roosting-place and nesting-place for sparrows, with all the attendant litter and ceaseless chatter that go with sparrow domesticity.

The only safe way would seem to be to restrict wall-grown ivy to definite panels and spaces. I have seen ivy grown and restricted in this way, but in almost every case it has seemed to me that although the ivy was doing useful work in clothing the nakedness of a, perhaps, rather unbeautiful building, the effect might have been far more pleasing had something more interesting and colourful been chosen in the way of clothes than the monotonous, sombre ivy, which can look so like an apron of dark-green mackintosh. Yet ivy in its younger, earlier stages, fanning out as it starts out upon its climb, can look enchantingly beautiful. In this it is like kittens and puppies. "If only it could remain like that!"

On the other hand, however ivy may behave on the house, it is almost invariably well-behaved in the house. During the last few years there has been a tremendous wave of interest in plants which may be grown as permanent residents, in pots, in the house—the living house, not the greenhouse. Among the plants which have

house. Among the plants which have been roped in for this purpose is the ivy, in a number of distinct forms and varieties. Two forms of which I have been given specimens are a small-leaved variety, a dainty, pretty thing with ivy-shaped leaves (how else could one describe them?)—resembling, that is, the leaves of our own native ivy, Hedera helix, in its young state, but very much smaller. The original plant which I saw, and from which I was given cuttings, had been trained up a little fan-shaped wooden framework. My own specimen, now two years old from the cutting stage, has never been given anything to climb, poor mite. It sits in its blue-green earthen bowl at the edge of a tall bureau, down

which its stems tumble to a length of a foot or so. But I notice that it is now starting to climb back up its own self, and it is obvious that it must be given an aged miniature treestump a foot or so high, or a pigmy rock pinnacle on which, in future, it may take climbing exercise.

My other ivy has larger leaves, whose edges are curiously frizzed or crimped. As a novelty it amuses me, but I am not at all sure that I really like it, apart from the first impact of novelty. However, in disposing of plants which one does not like entirely, there is always compensation in the immense pleasure they will bring to well-chosen recipients. One should not discard such plants; it is better to bestow them.

Another ivy which I am trying as a room plant is one of which I was given a cutting. It has smallish leaves, brightly variegated with palest creamy gold. I rather feel that when it is a little larger it will become a

#### IVY IN, NOT ON, THE HOUSE.

By CLARENCE ELLIOTT, V.M.H.

pleasant room companion in winter. Most of these room plants are best treated as winter companions in the house, and turned out to grass for the spring and summer months.

Then there is one type of ivy, the tree ivy, which I believe would be first-rate in the house. You know, of course—or perhaps you do not—that the climbing ivies have two distinct phases in their development. They start off, when



"MY OTHER IVY HAS LARGER LEAVES, WHOSE EDGES ARE CURIOUSLY FRIZZED OR CRIMPED": HEDERA HELIX "HOLLY."

young, with those elegantly-shaped, deeply divided leaves, and slender stems which cling closely to tree-trunk, house wall, church tower, or whatever comes handy. That is their juvenile form. But eventually, in the fullness of time, they reach a certain height and maturity; in fact, their adult form, when they give up climbing and become branchy. Branches splay out from the main climbing stems, with leaves much simplified in outline. And on the tips of every twig on these woody branches appear flower-heads in autumn, September and October. Ivies in this adult flowering

mon sight on the tops of old walls, or in the upper reaches of trees. I have been particularly struck by the beauty of ivies flowering on walls in the Cotswold villages of

stage are a com-

on walls in the Cotswold villages during the past few weeks. Thousands of the little round flower-heads, each composed of many small blossoms of a delicate pale yellow-green of a soft, pearly quality. And each small blossom in the head has its quota of primrose-yellow anthers. And when the flowers are fully open they are visited by thousands of wasps and bluebottles. Later, the ivy flowers are followed by round heads of black berries, which again are most beautiful in a sombre sort of way.

A couple of years ago I took a cutting of our common ivy in its adult "tree" form, and having rooted and potted it, forgot about it, until a few days ago, when I came upon the little plant, no larger than a man's hand and no more than 6 ins. high, and with two pearly grey-green flower-heads in bud. A most shapely little bush, full of vim and character, which I at once brought into the house, where it has since opened its two heads of blossom. This flowering of my little ivy has come as a delightful surprise. I may as well own up. I took the cutting from an ivy with fine golden leaves, growing over a wall some way from any human habitation in the Cotswolds. I rather like certain gold-variegated foliage, as



A TWIG OF THE MATURE FORM OF THE COMMON HOLLY STRUCK IN A PLANT-POT TO MAKE A MINIATURE FLOWERING TREE.

This example shows well the simplified leaf form of the fully mature ivy; and a group of soon-to-open flower buds. The flowers are of "a delicate pale yellow-green of a soft, pearly quality" and they "are followed by round heads of black berries . . . most beautiful in a sombre sort of way."

Photographs by J. E. Downward.

giving a gleam of apparent sunshine in the garden in the deadest, gloomiest months of the year. And it was for that reason that I took the cutting. Meanwhile, the little plant has shed its golden habit, and reverted to normal green. On the other hand, it has suggested to me the charm of ivies in the adult form, grown as small pot specimens for enjoyment in the house in autumn and throughout the winter months. During the summer they might be stood out in some shady or half-shady place in the open garden.

On the whole, I think I prefer ivy in the house rather than on the house.

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BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN: SIR DANIEL LASCELLES

LASCELLES.

Sir Daniel Lascelles, who has succeeded Sir Esler Dening as British Ambassador at Tokyo, recently visited the Imperial Palace there to present his letters of credence. Previously Sir Daniel had been British Ambassador at Kabul, Afghanistan, since 1953. Before that he was Ambassador to Ethiopia.



NOMINATED AS HEAD OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY THE ATOMIC ENERGY
AGENCY: MR. S. COLE.
On October 4 the board
of governors of the International Atomic Energy
Agency met in plenary
session in Vienna and nominated Mr. Sterling Cole, of
the U.S. delegation, to the
post of Director-General,
and Mr. P. Winkler, leader
of the Czechoslovak delegation, as Chairman of the
board of governors.



(Left.) WINNER OF THE ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: MISS J. BISGOOD

MISS J. BISGOOD
On October 4 Miss
Jeanne Bisgood, of
Parkstone, who is a
barrister, won the
English Women's
golf championship at
Queen's Park when
she defeated Miss M.
Nichol, of Hexham,
by 10 and 8 in the
36-hole final. Miss
Bisgood previously
won the event in 1951
and in 1953.



TO COMMAND THE AIRLINER IN WHICH THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ARE TO FLY TO OTTAWA: CAPTAIN GORDON STORE. It was announced on October 2 that the DC-7C aircraft in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to fly to Ottawa to-day, October 12, was to be commanded by Captain Gordon Store, a South African, who has been long associated with Atlantic flying.

## PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK: SOME PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



AT SADLER'S WELLS: MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM WITH MR. JOHN AT SADLER'S WELLS: MR. SOMERSET MAUGHAM WITH MR. JOHN GARDNER, THE COMPOSER OF "THE MOON AND SIXPENCE."

Mr. Somerset Maugham, who is on a visit to London, went to Sadler's Wells on October 3 to see a performance of Mr. John Gardner's opera, "The Moon and Sixpence," which is based on Mr. Maugham's well-known novel of the same name. The opera, conducted by Mr. Alexander Gibson, was first performed last May. The same splendid sets, and most of the original cast, are in the present production.



VICTORIOUS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1933: THE BRITISH RYDER CUP TEAM WHO DEFEATED THE U.S. GOLFERS BY 71 MATCHES TO 41.

Our photograph shows the British team before their striking victory at Lindrick when they won the singles (on October 5) by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  after losing the foursomes (on October 4) by 1 to 3. (Bottom row, seated, l. to r.): M. Faulkner (who played only in the foursomes), E. C. Brown, D. J. Rees (captain), K. Bousfield and C. O'Connor. (Above, l. to r.): H. Bradshaw and R. P. Mills (who both played only in the singles), P. Alliss, B. J. Hunt and H. Weetman (who played only in the foursomes). The Ryder Cup series began in 1926 and this is only the third time that the British team have won.



THE NEW MAYOR OF WEST BERLIN:

HERR WILLY BRANDT.
On October 3 Herr Willy
Brandt, forty-three, was
elected as Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin, in
succession to Dr. Otto
Suhr, who died recently.
Herr Brandt is one of the
younger and more forceful
leaders of the Berlin
Socialists. When Hitler
came to power he left Germany and went to Norway. HERR WILLY BRANDT



BRILLIANT SPORTSMAN: THE LATE LORD ABERDARE. THE LATE LORD ABERDARE.
Lord Aberdare, who was
one of the most brilliant
all-round sportsmen of his
time, was killed in a motor
accident in Yugoslavia on
October 4. He was seventytwo. His first wife died
in 1950 and last month he
married Miss Grizelda
Hervey, the actress, who
was with him in the car
when the accident occurred,
but who was unhurt. but who was unhurt.

(Right.) NEW CON-TROLLER OF THE RED CROSS: MAJOR-GENERAL DAUNT. Major-General Brian Daunt took up his new appointment as Controller of the Home Department at the British Red Cross Society's head-quarters in London quarters in London on October 1. Major Daunt, who is 57, was G.O.C. Troops, Malta, from 1953 until 1956. He won the D.S.O. in 1943.





THE DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF READING WITH ONE OF THE KNEELERS BRITISH WOMEN ARE EMBROIDERING FOR WASHINGTON. Fifty-eight British women, among whom is Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, are embroidering seventy-two kneelers for the War Memorial Chapel in the National Cathedral at Washington, D.C. Most of them will be installed in time for the Queen's visit.



AFTER WINNING THE INDIVIDUAL TITLE IN THE EUROPEAN HORSE TRIALS IN COPENHAGEN: MISS SHEILA WILLCOX OF GREAT BRITAIN ON HIGH AND MIGHTY.

On October 5 Great Britain maintained her unbeaten record in the European Horse Trials championship in Copenhagen and Miss Sheila Willcox, riding her High and Mighty, won the individual title. Germany, who had started the last phase with a lead of 3.06 points, was the runner-up in the team championships. Our photograph shows Miss Willcox giving High and Mighty a carrot from a garland which was presented to her horse.



COMMANDER BOL OF THE NETHERLANDS NAVY (LEFT) RECEIVING THE BRITANNIA SHIELD FROM MARSHAL OF THE R.A.F. SIR WILLIAM DIXON ON OCTOBER 2.

The combined championship of swimming, boxing, shooting and fencing in the Britannia Shield competition this year was won by the Netherlands, who were placed first in both swimming and shooting and third in fencing; and so defeated the holders, the R.A.F., who were second in the boxing, swimming and shooting. Other teams competing were the U.S.A.F. (who won the boxing), the R.C.A.F. and Belgium (who won the fencing).

#### THE CHELSEA ANTIQUES FAIR.



ONE OF THE GROUP OF PAINTINGS FROM WOBURN ABBEY LENT TO THE SEVENTH AUTUMN ANTIQUES FAIR—CHELSEA TOWN HALL—BY THE DUKE OF BEDFORD: "VENICE: ENTRANCE TO THE GRAND CANAL FROM THE LAGUNA," BY CANALETTO.



EXHIBITED BY A DUNSTABLE FIRM: AN UNUSUALLY SMALL EARLY EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY INCISED LACQUER CABINET. (Alexander Podd, Dunstable.) (Height; 55 ins.)



MADE IN c. 1780: A RARE SHERATON ARTIST'S
TABLE WITH A MINIATURIST'S COMBINED
TRAVELLING EASEL AND PAINT-BOX.
(Ian Askew, London, S.W.3.)



A DELIGHTFUL MID-EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY TOY: A CARVED STATE COACH DRAWN BY SIX HORSES (EACH ONLY 2 INS. HIGH). THE COACH CONTAINS A GALLANT AND A LADY. (Beckwith and Son, Hertford.)

Some forty exhibitors from all over the British Isles are showing a great variety of pieces at the Seventh Autumn Antiques Fair, which continues at Chelsea Town Hall until October 19. The Duke of Bedford, who had arranged to open the Fair on October 9, has lent a notable group of paintings from Woburn Abbey, including two magnificent Venetian scenes by Canaletto. Among the pieces which will attract the collector of the unusual is an eighteenth-century snuff-box, which contains both a miniature telescope and a watch (Peter Francis—Stand 46). Alfred Brod, Ltd., is showing old master paintings, R. E. Abbott and Co. water-colours and paintings, and John McMaster and Baynton-Williams prints.

#### ACQUISITIONS AT THE V. AND A.

TWO of the set of four Hunting Tapestries—which have come to the Victoria and Albert Museum through the recent acceptance of eight major works of art from the Chatsworth Collections in settlement of estate duty—are on view at the Museum during October. One of them, "The Roe Deer Hunt," has recently been restored in Paris—the second, which shows the Falconry scene, will now be restored with the other two pieces, which are in a similar condition. The three sculptures shown here are among the group of seven pieces recently acquired by the Department of Architecture and Sculpture at the Museum.



NOW ON SHOW IN THE NEW ACQUISITIONS COURT: "THE ROE DEER HUNT"—ONE OF THE SET OF FOUR HUNTING TAPESTRIES FROM CHATSWORTH, DATING FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY AND PROBABLY MADE AT TOURNAI.

(Detail—total measurements: height, 13 ft. 4½ ins.; length, 35 ft. 3½ ins.)



"THE RAPE OF A SABINE WOMAN"; A BRONZE GROUP BY HUBERT GERHARD (c. 1540-1620), A SCULPTOR OF NETHER-LANDISH ORIGIN, TRAINED IN ITALY, AND ACTIVE IN SOUTH GERMANY. (Height, 37 ins.)



THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE EXAMPLE OF GERMAN ROCOCO RELIGIOUS SCULPTURE SECURED BY THE MUSEUM: "ST. JOHN NEPOMUK," BY FRANZ MATHIAS HIERNLE (1677-1732). (Limewood: height, 5 ft. 101 ins.)



INSPIRED BY ONE OF THE CLASSICAL BRONZE HORSES ON ST. MARK'S IN VENICE: A SUPERB BRONZE STATUETTE MADE IN NORTH ITALY IN ABOUT 1490—ACQUIRED WITH THE AID OF THE NATIONAL ART-COLLECTIONS FUND. (Height, 9 & ins.)

#### MATTERS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL: HOME NEWS RECORDED BY THE CAMERA





OPENED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION: THE BRUNEL COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AT ACTON, MIDDLESEX, WHICH WILL HAVE COST £2,000,000 WHEN IT IS COMPLETED.

The Brunel College of Technology, the first major new technical college to have been built since the publication of the White Paper on technical education, was opened by Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, the Minister of Education, on September 30.

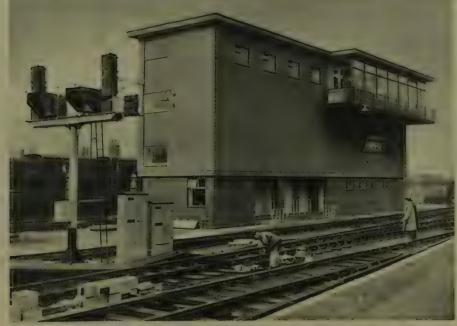
GOING UP IN SMOKE : 150-YEAR-OLD ROSSIE CASTLE, NEAR MONT-ROSE, SCOTLAND, WHICH WAS RECENTLY DEMOLISHED WITH EXPLOSIVES BY OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 117 FIELD ENGIN-EERING REGIMENT. THE CASTLE WAS SOLD FOR £1 TWENTY YEARS AGO.

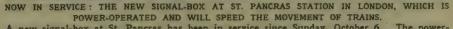
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMIN-STER: THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, DR. FISHER, AD-DRESSING THE TWO HOUSES OF THE CONVOCATION OF CANTERBURY WHEN THEY MET IN FULL

BURY WHEN THEY MET IN FULL
SYNOD ON OCTOBER 1.

The marriage law of the Church
and the liberty which the State
allowed individual clergymen to
disregard spiritual authority was
the subject of the presidential
address by the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, when the
two houses of the Convocation
of Canterbury met in full synod
at Church House, Westminster,
on October 1. The Archbishop's
statement has given rise to some
criticism and controversy, but on
October 2 the Lower House of
Canterbury Convocation recorded
its warm support of the Archbishop's statement on marriage
and divorce. There was one
dissentient.







POWER-OPERATED AND WILL SPEED THE MOVEMENT OF TRAINS.

A new signal-box at St. Pancras has been in service since Sunday, October 6. The power-operated signalling equipment, which with preliminary work has cost more than 4400,000 to install, is operating over the three-quarters of a mile of approaches to the station. It replaces three former boxes from which signals and points were worked by hand levers.



IN THE GARDENS OF HOLYROODHOUSE, EDINBURGH: THE PRINCESS ROYAL PRESENTING

IN THE GARDENS OF HOLYROODHOUSE, EDINBURCH: THE PRINCESS ROYAL PRESENTING NEW COLOURS TO THE 1ST BATTALION, THE ROYAL SCOTS.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots, presented new Colours to the regiment's 1st Battalion at a ceremony at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, on October 4. The old Colours, marched off parade for the last time, were those she had presented in Glasgow thirty-one years ago.

#### THE 56TH ANNUAL LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE: SCENES AND PERSONALITIES AT BRIGHTON.



GIVING HER PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ON SEPTEMBER 30: MISS MARGARET HERBISON, M.P., CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY. LISTENING ARE MR. HUGH GAITSKELL (LEFT) AND MR. MORGAN PHILLIPS.



THE SETTING OF THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE AT



BRIGHTON: A GENERAL VIEW INSIDE THE SPORTS STADIUM



WITNESSING A RETURN OF UNITY TO THE PARTY:

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (FRONT ROW, L. TO R.) MR. A. BEVAN, MR. T. DRIBERG, MR. S. WATSON, DR. EDITH SUMMERSKILL, MR. E. G. GOOCH AND MISS ALICE HORAN.



ADDRESSING THE CONNERENCE DURING THE DEBATE ON THE PARTY'S NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION FLAND S. BEDIT SUMMERSKILL, WHO WAS RE-ELECTED TO SIR THOMAS WILLIAMSON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE T.U.C. THE WOMEN'S SECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.





DANCING DURING THE CIVIC RECEPTION AT THE DOME BACON, MR. E. CASTLE, MRS. BARBARA CASTLE, THE





MOVING AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE INTRODUCING THE PARTY'S POLICY STATEMENT, "PUB-1957 RENT ACT, WHICH WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: LIC ENTERPRISE: LABOUR'S REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL-MISS ALICE BACON, MP. FOR LECEDS SOUTH-BAST. ISED INDUSTRIES" IN TAIL JAMES CRIFFFITHS.







SPEAKING DURING THE DEBATE ON THE COVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY: MR. FRANK COUSINS, SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT AND CEMERAL WORKERS UNION.

THE "SHADOW" CHARCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUEE.



ACKNOWLEDGING AN OVATION ON ARRIVING EARL ATTLEE, THE FORMER LABOUR PARTY BESIDE LADY ATTLEE. LORD ATTLEE







AT THE PARTY CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 1: AM ATTENTIVE LISTENER ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONPRIME MINISTER, RISING FROM HIS SEAT
DID NOT ADDRESS THE CORPERENCE.

AM ATTENTIVE LISTENER ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE CABOUT PARTY.

MAKING HIS MASTERLY SPEECH DURING THE CRITICAL
DEBATE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS: MR. AMEURIN SEVAN,
MP., WHO HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ZUISSLA.

The fifty-sixth Annual Conference of the Labour Party, which was held at Brighton from September 30 to October 4, opened with two emergency resolutions put forward by the Executive and condemning the Government's financial and economic policy and the 1957 Rent Act. Between these two resolutions, which were both carried unanimously, Mr. James Griffiths, Deputy Leader of the Party, introduced the policy statement, "Public

Enterprise," the Party's review of the nationalised industries, which was approved after the heavy defeat of a composite resolution. The second day was dominated by the debate on the policy statement on pensions. The proposals to pay everyone in Britain superannuation in a contributory national scheme were accepted without an opposing vote, after a lively debate. On October 1 the results of the elections for the Party's National Executive were also

announced, and did not provide any great surprises. On the third day the Conference approved the Executive's policy statement on public ownership ya majority of more than 4,000,000 votes. Mr. Gaitskell, in his first speech to the Conference, summed up the debate, in which the policy of introducing share control rather than nationalisation as a means of public ownership had been strongly opposed. One of the most stirring moments of the

Conference was Mr. Aneurin Bevan's speech in the debate on October 3 on the composite resolution which would have piedged the next Labour Government to a complete ban on nuclear weapons. After many impassioned speeches in favour of the ban, Mr. Bevan's masterly revelation of the dangers of such a one-sided policy swayed the Conference, and the resolution was substantially rejected, with a dramatic change of mind by Mr. Frank Cousins.



## THE WORLD OF THE THEATRE

#### THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

By J. C. TREWIN.

AN old Cornishwoman, grappling with her first dictionary, said with wisdom that one thing leads to another. It does so in the theatre, where the least likely play may prompt the oddest crop of personal programmenotes: that is, if your pencil is sharp and you do not bury your passing thoughts too deeply among the advertisements to be decipherable.

I began, on the night of Lesley Storm's comedy, "Roar Like a Dove" (Phœnix), by underlining the announcement: "The action takes place in the library of Dungavel Castle, in the Western Highlands." This name, though not the area, rang a bell. It continued to ring until I was at home and reading Sir William Watson's "Verses to the Duchess of Hamilton" which begin with the lines:

At your Dungavel, solitary and high,
That looks o'er vales of tilth to mountains
barren,

And faintly sees against the western sky
The dark, far brows of Arran . . .

Not that "mountains barren" have much place in "Roar Like a Dove." Barrenness is not a word to go with this comedy. I found myself remembering the Nobleman's speech in "The Man With a Load of Mischief": "The world is very coarse: Nature disgusts me. And yet our poets sing of her! This strapping wench, this milkmaid of a goddess, all breasts and fruition! A clownish taste." I am sure Miss Storm's Bernard would have agreed with that, though he might not have said it in so many words. Brought to the Highlands so that he might see the estate to which he would succeed, if it had no male heir in the direct line, he fled in alarm from the too-abundant new life all about him.

The American Lady Dungavel and her husband, that single-minded laird, flashed up mixed—madly mixed—memories of Henry James and Lonsdale; and when Lady Dungavel's American parents were with us, my mind was seething with stage Americans in England—from, say, Pinero's Horace Bream to the more recent visitants. Miss Storm's

Americans are in no way caricatured: they are charmers. But I transcribe my rough notes to show how a dramatist can send the mind into unlooked-for byways.

I said, after "Roar Like a Dove," that the piece is a kind of fertility rite. It is perfectly harmless and can be very funny, though we do tire of the obstetric jest. The dramatist sticks to her point, even if we wander from it now and again, ask whether anything will happen on that terrace outside (all right: it is duly used for a one-man bagpipe-march), and muse upon the cost of stocking the Dungavel "drinks table" which is in perpetual use.

In effect, the play discusses the handling of a husband. Neither Lady Dungavel nor her more determined mother would be ready to make the Shakespearian speech—one of the most depressing in the canon—that ends:

Then vail your stomachs, for it is no boot,

And place your hands below your husband's foot:

In token of which duty, if he please, My hand is ready, may it do him ease.

If Emma Dungavel had delivered THE SECR Katharina's speech to her husband, he might not have heard it; he would have waved a vague hand and told his bailiff to look after the new mare. But if the words—

look after the new mare. But if the words—and there are few remoter possibilities in the Drama—had been spoken by Muriel Chadwick (Emma's mother) in the presence

wick (Emma's mother) in the presence of her husband, the poor man would have passed out on the library carpet.

We can say, if it does not sound too pompous, that "Roar Like a Dove" is largely about women's duties and women's rights. It is a very feminine piece: sometimes a charming frivol, sometimes betraying a curious lack of invention. My mind flickered less than you may have assumed: it is not a substantial comedy, but it could well have been a bore, to be frequented by masochistic baby-sitters on their evenings off. It is nothing of the sort. Call it intermittently attractive chatter-comedy, though I know its charm will be



AT SADLER'S WELLS: A SCENE FROM THE REVIVAL OF MENOTTI'S OPERA "THE CONSUL" SHOWING NIKA MAGADOFF (ROWLAND JONES) AS THE MAGICIAN WHO IS TRYING TO CONVINCE THE SECRETARY (ANNA POLLAK) OF HIS IDENTITY. SEATED (LEFT) IS MAGDA (AMY SHUARD).



"COOL, CIVILISED HUMOUR, PRACTICALLY FREE OF SELF-CONSCIOUS EXHIBITIONISM": "SHARE MY LETTUCE" (COMEDY), SHOWING PHILIP GILBERT AND MAGGIE SMITH DETERMINED TO HEAR THE SECRETS OF KENNETH WILLIAMS' TAPE-RECORDER IN A SCENE FROM THE REVUE.

denied by those who will not agree that entertainment is a large part of the theatre's task.

The acting is confident and right. Anne Kimbell, who is a little out of temper with the

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"JOYCE GRENFELL AT HOME" (Lyric, Hammersmith).—Miss Grenfell again as a company in herself. (October 8.)

nursery (six daughters so far), and Evelyn Varden and Paul McGrath as her parents—for once a persuasive stage family—come into London to a cheerful welcome; and two British actors, John McCallum and Anthony Ireland, are each well in the play as the peer whose heart is too permanently in the Highlands, and the cousin who reminds me vaguely—again by the way—of a cross between a Pinerotic raisonneur and one of Lonsdale's onlookers (the Lonsdale man would have had more wit).

It will be noticed that my allusions are references back. In spite of the feats of Nature, the milkmaid-goddess, the play is not at all forwardlooking. It is content to be just a comedy, gently brisk (as in the last scene but one) or off-key (as in the second scene of the second act). Angry passions need not rise. It is simply a bit of the Theatre of Entertainment, and for some reason it can lure one to the least expected quotation. I doubt whether Miss Storm knew that she would bear me to Sir Thomas Overbury on a Country Gentleman-" His travel is seldom farther than the next market town, and his inquisition is about the price of corn . . . Nothing under a subpœna could draw him to London "—and, again, on a Good Woman: "She is much within, and frames outward things to her mind, not her mind to them. She wears good clothes, but never better; for she finds no degree beyond decency.'

"Share My Lettuce," the revue at the Comedy, is compact—shall I say?—of agreeable green thoughts: it is a fresh revue, and a restful one. Without drawing attention to its cleverness, it slips gently through a sequence of brief scenes: one might almost be lying on one's back—among the lettuces, no doubt—upon a spring day and watching the mildly-varying patterns of the sky. It is a change to have this cool, civilised humour, practically free of self-conscious exhibitionism—though one or two scenes are superfluous—and with some pleasantly-controlled craziness.

Anybody who has ever been trapped by a resolute talker, bent on conversation for its own sake, moderately informative prattle, will sigh for Kenneth Williams when he meets the man with the bulls'-eyes. Anybody who has lingered over that solemn moment of choice from a too-large menu will appreciate Maggie Smith's dragooning waitress. Anyone who has wondered why half the young world is called Michael and the other half Susan, will enjoy the sketch in which half the characters are called Susan and the other half Michael. And so on. Bamber Gascoigne, the hardly veteran author, is not concerned with the talk of the town. This is a metropolitan revue, but not a parochial one. We share the lettuce with pleasure, and Kenneth Williams's nods and becks and wreathed grimaces, and Maggie Smith's alert and economical comedy, stay in the grateful imagination. A Stuart essayist once wrote of a player: "He exasperates men's enormities in public view, and tells them their faults on the stage, not as being sorry for them, but rather [as one who] wishes still he might find more occasions to work on." Miss Smith and Mr. Williams do not give that impres-They go gently about their work, and it is a relief.

Let me confess that my last quotation was not spontaneous. My eye caught it when I was checking the Overburys, and my "Share the Lettuce" pro-

gramme is free of any annotation. Still, the fact that it did lead, indirectly, to so apt a find makes me marvel, again, at the theatre's trick of beckoning us up the bypaths. I look forward now to the coming tour with Miss Grenfell, who knows very well how one thing can lead to another.

AT THE HEAD OF HIS MEN: LIEUT.-COLONEL NICHOLSON (ALEC GUINNESS) IS AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE TO HIS FELLOW PRISONERS IN THE JAPANESE PRISON CAMP.

## "THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI": AN EPIC WAR NOVEL FILMED.



A CLASH BETWEEN COMMANDERS: COLONEL SAITO (SESSUE HAYAKAWA), THE JAPANESE COMMANDER OF THE PRISON CAMP, LOSES HIS TEMPER WITH NICHOLSON.



STILL DEFIANT AFTER ENDURING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, COLONEL NICHOLSON IS SALUTED BY HIS MEN AS HE IS MARCHED BEFORE THE JAPANESE COMMANDER.



THE FOCAL-POINT OF THE STORY: THE BRIDGE BUILT BY THE PRISONERS, WHICH BECAME AN OBSESSION WITH COLONEL NICHOLSON.



ON THEIR WAY TO DESTROY THE BRIDGE: LIEUTENANT JOYCE (GEOFFREY HORNE), MAJOR WARDEN (JACK HAWKINS) AND SHEARS (WILLIAM HOLDEN), AN AMERICAN WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE PRISON CAMP.



AN EPIC END: UNDERLINING THIS FILM'S MESSAGE OF THE FUTILITY OF WAR: NICHOLSON, AFTER TRYING TO PREVENT THE DEMOLITION, FLEES FROM THE FIRING OF MAJOR WARDEN, TRIPS AND SETS OFF THE CHARGE WHICH DESTROYS THE BRIDGE.

The film "The Bridge on the River Kwai"—a Sam Spiegel Horizon-British production in Technicolor and CinemaScope, released by Columbia Pictures—is written by Pierre Boulle, and based on his novel of the same title. The film tells the story of a bridge built by British prisoners of war, in the Siamese jungle, for the Japanese. The senior British officer, Lieut.-Colonel Nicholson (Alec Guinness), comes into conflict with the Japanese commanding officer

(Sessue Hayakawa) and gallantly faces up to solitary confinement and other hardships. Having won a moral victory over the Japanese, Nicholson sets out to prove the superiority of his men by building a really first-class bridge. The building of the bridge becomes an obsession with him and when a demolition party led by Major Warden (Jack Hawkins) is brought to the bridge by Shears (William Holden), Nicholson vainly tries to stop its destruction.



NOTES FOR THE NOVEL-READER.



#### THE CHOICE OF THE WEEK.

NOW and then we come on a special variety of novel, which could do with a more exact name. "Story" gives the wrong slant, for it is concerned less to improvise than to illustrate; it might be called a dramatic essay. "The Animal Game," by Frank Tuohy (Macmillan; 15s.), a first novel of very unusual brilliance, falls into this group, setting out not to unfold a tale, but to illustrate the whole nature of life in a South American country, with good reason anonymous. And aptly so: for this—according to Celina Fonseca—is "the most boring continent in the world"; the place where there can be "no wars, no nobility of action and no great art," where nothing memorable can happen, and the pattern is such a jumble that no relationships can exist. El Dorado has

turned into the continent of indifference. The very peasants are all abroad, and "the huge, empty territory still bores them after four centuries." the middle class, gain is only a means to stagnant respectability; and the "elite" are a myth, even if they go back 500 years, like the Fonsecas. As for the foreign colony, stultified by exile, lacking even attitudes to hold on to—for them, vacuity is

complete.

The reverse of this medal is the Animal Game. Natives are familiar with it as an underground lottery, a "numbers racket"; but to the foreigner, it sounds as though one could buy a ticket for an animal world, outside the sphere of the human will. And he is not far wrong. There is one ticket of escape from vacuity—a devouring passion. These extremes are horribly symbolised at the outset, by the screaming of pigs devouring each other in a locked truck during a railway strike, with an indifferent crowd standing by. For entrance to the Animal Game is not cheap. Here we see a number of people who have taken tickets. There is Celina, tearing herself to bits over the monumentally shady and destructive Gregory Cowan. There is her stupid young brother Jango, rushing on political martyrdom for a mock ideal. There is the German Jewess, treated as an untouchable in her youth, and now recouping with a demented negrophobia. There is the vast, capable Mrs. Newton, homesick for a lost life, battling tooth and nail for a grotesque marriage. . . . Only "dummies" in the game, like marriage. . . . Gregory and the unfortunate little Newton, ever get out—and then possibly in extremis. But there are few ticket-holders, at least in the middle class. The compact majority are not tempted; others, like Morris the sensitive newcomer, have cold feet. Morris is the focal-point; it is through his eyeswhile he is failing to go overboard with Celinathat we get most of the astonishing social view.

#### OTHER FICTION.

"The Lady," by Conrad Richter (Gollancz; 12s. 6d.), is, so to speak, a refined Western; a yarn of New Mexico in its horse-and-buggy days. Jud was ten years old when his father drove off on an errand for the "commission house" and never came back, and when he was taken to live with his second cousin, the Judge. Cousin Albert Sessions and his wife have a little boy. They are kind people; Doña Ellen, the "Lady," with her beauty and wiles, her Spanish temper and love of horses, is enchanting into the bargain; while Lawyer Beasley, who married her sister Ana and lives next door, is a complete scoundrel. And yet, there is something equivocal about the Lady. There is a cloud over that first murder—the shooting of Beasley's cattleman—though her brother Charley owns up to it. In spite of which, a jury of sheepmen find him not guilty. So then, Charley has to be shot . and so on: just like an Icelandic saga. Finally, the time comes for Judge Sessions to go off on circuit, through a remote wilderness. When the Lady can't hold him back, she insists on his taking their little boy ... and perhaps it would be wrong to say more. The tale has a really haunting note, and there is great beauty in the landscape, as Jud sees it with Willy on summer days. But the Lady, the egger-on, though finely conceived, is not always so good

"The Mendelman Fire," by Wolf Mankowitz (André Deutsch; 12s. 6d.), is a collection of oddments. First, the title-story: the longish, funny and touching story of Mendelman, the inspired salesman, his old friend the Demon Accountant, his daughter Rosa, and his device for setting her up after a last bankruptcy.

This was my favourite: because of the length and milieu, and because the old friend Botvinnik, who is also the chronicler, has such a delightful turn of style. The others are in two groups: "Good Business with Sentiment"—English and rather so-so—and "A Village Like Yours," displaying the author's "young grandfather" in his Russian boyhood. Novel and engaging.

author's "young grandiather" in his Russian boyhood. Novel and engaging. In "The Man With Yellow Shoes," by Anthony Heckstall-Smith (Wingate; 12s. 6d.), a little middle-aged bachelor on a pleasure cruise happens to miss the ship at Port Said, and is thus hurtled into an Arab-Soviet plot—something to do with the Canal crisis—involving the murder of a British archæologist-agent whose body has disappeared. There is a full quota of traps, chases, rescues and sudden deaths; and though I don't know quite what twas intended or achieved it is lively going. was intended or achieved, it is lively going.

## TO THE WAY TO SEE THE

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

THE TRAGEDY OF R.101; AND MEDICAL MEMOIRS.

THE younger generation will scarcely be able to imagine the shock and horror which we felt when we heard the news of the crash and destruction of the great airship the R. 101 in 1930. For us it was as horrifying as the sinking of the Titanic had been for our fathers. I was returning from Germany and crossed the Channel from the Hook of Holland in the tail end of the tremendous storm which was the final cause of the disaster. In Germany and in Holland flags were flying at half-mast. Complete strangers of all nationalities came up and expressed sympathy. Since then, of course, the loss of forty-eight people would be of small significance in a world which has become accustomed to slaughter on a gigantic scale. There was something,

however, about the R. 101 which caught the horrified imagination of the world. Perhaps it was partly due to all the advance publicity and ballyhoo which surrounded it. The tragedy of the *Titanic* was heightened by the fact that the Press of the world had referred to her as being "unsinkable." Lord Thomson, the Air Minister in Ramsay MacDonald's Socialist Government, who perished with the R. ioi said: "She's as safe as a house—except for the millionth chance." Mr. James Leasor, who has retold the story in "The Millionth Chance" (Hamish Hamilton; 18s.), has taken that phrase as the title for his book. In actual fact, as emerges from his book, the odds against the R. ror getting safely and successfully to India on her maiden flight were about a million to one against.

Owing to Lord Thomson's insistence, she set off for her maiden voyage almost unfinished, and certainly without having undertaken any trials in bad weather. Her giant gas-bags, holding 5,500,000 cub. ft. of highly inflammable hydrogen, chafed and rubbed and leaked at a hundred points. A single spark could and, in the end, did destroy her. Her designers, her crew and those who had been intimately connected with her, set off full of forebodings. Even had the weather been fine throughout the route it is doubtful whether she could have got to her destination safely. To set off in one of the worst storms in many years was sheer insanity.

Mr. Leasor, from the statements of the half-dozen survivors, has brilliantly reconstructed the last dramatic moments before she crashed into the hillside near Beauvais. Perhaps the luckiest man was Mr. Harry Leech, the foreman engineer, who was in the heart of the airship in the smoking-room. "As he tore at the door, kicking it with his feet, flinging his shoulders against the panels, hoping that one would give, he heard the engine telegraph begin to ring with a note of fearful urgency, and then a roar as of a cataract of water, or the thunder of breakers on the beach: the noise of 5,500,000 cub. ft. of hydrogen taking flame. Harry Leech was marooned in the heart of a furnace in a room without a door or window." Somehow, incredibly, he survived.

Yet indirectly the disaster which shook the nation may have later saved it. For the abandonment of airship building led the Air Ministry to concentrate on heavier-than-air aircraft, of which the most notable were the Spitfire and the Hurricane.

One of the most remarkable air services in the world is the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which provides medical help and attention for the isolated individuals or communities of Australia's "Out-It was founded in 1928 by the Very Rev. John Flynn, and now provides air ambulances and flying doctors which cover the whole of the Australian continent. Mr. Harry Hudson travelled 20,000 miles to observe the service at work. He tells its stories in "Flynn's Flying Doctors" (William Heinemann; 25s.). Not all the tale is serious; much of it is amusing and all of it is full of human interest. The book is delightfully illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings from the author's sketch-book. And the whole story is one of which Australia and her doctors may be justly proud.

From neighbouring New Zealand there came to

the Middle East, in the war, a Dr. Lindsay Rogers, who was serving with the Eighth Army in the desert. However, he decided that he would prefer a more exciting assignment, with the result that he joined S.O.E. and thereafter served with Yugoslav Partisans. In "Guerilla Surgeon" (Collins; 18s.) he writes all his adventures with

modesty, sometimes movingly, and always with a lively pen. I was interested to see that he blames those responsible for propaganda among the Partisans for allowing them to fall into Communist hands. This is a subject on which I have long felt strongly. As his Australian friends might say: "Too right!"

Still dealing with the medical profession, but jumping back a couple of centuries, we come to "The Quicksilver Doctor: The Life and Times of Thomas Dover, Physician and Adventurer" (John Wright and Sons, Ltd.; 21s.), by Kenneth Dewhurst. Even Dr. Lindsay Rogers, adventurous as he was, looks a bit of a stay-at-home compared with Thomas Dover (who gave his name to the famous powder). He set off on one of the greatest privateering expeditions of all time, during the course of which he rescued Alexander Selkirk, the lay model for Robinson Crusoe. His story is admirably told with scholarship and zest. E. D. O'BRIEN.

#### CHESS NOTES.

By BARUCH H. WOOD, M.Sc.

AS everybody enjoys a good king hunt, I have no hesitation in putting before you this game from Paignton in which P. H. Clarke sent his opponent's king reeling. R. W. Bonham is the world's champion blind player; has dominated Worcestershire chess, whether blindfold or sighted, for decades:

		DEFENCE.	
P. H.	R. W.	Р. Н.	R. W.
CLARKE	BONHAM	CLARKE	BONHAM
White	Black	White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4	4. Kt×P	Kt-B3
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	5. Kt-QB3	P-Q3
3. P-04	P×P	6. B-K2	

6. B-KKt5 is having an extended vogue here but this older line is perfectly sound.

P-KKt3 8. Q-Q2 7. B-K3 B-Kt2

To try to avoid conceding bishop for knight, White would now have to tie himself up in knots; however, he gains in development.

Q. B×Kt B×B 10. P-B4 B-02

Anything else would set Black troublesome problems through the danger of the bishop being cut off from its base by P-KB5.

11. Castles(K)	Castles	15. K-R1	Q-Kt3
12. QR-Q1	Kt×Kt	16. R-B3	P-B4
13. B × Kt	B-QB3	17. R-K3	P×P
14. B×B	K×B	18. Kt×P	P-KR3

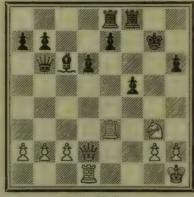
I consider the knight too good to be left there and would prefer 18.... B×Kt to the move played, after which I should not rate Black's perils too pessimistically.

If Clarke was planning to reply to 18....R×P by 19. R-QKt3, I might point out that 19....QR-KB1, besides protecting the attacked rook, threatens mate and would have left him an awful lot

He probably planned (18....  $R \times P$ ); 19. Kt-Kt5, further 19.... R-KKt5; 20.  $R \times Pch$ , K-Kt1 seems at least as interesting for Black as anything that happened in the game.

19. Kt-Kt3 QR-K1 20. P-B5! P×P

(Black.)



(White.)

R-B3 22. Kt×Pch 21. R-K6

Black must have overlooked this. Now he has not even the consolation of a pawn, and his king is sent on a long and fatal journey. The rest, though never simple, can be readily comprehended.

22	K-B2	26. Q-Kt5ch	K-05
23. R×Rch	K×R	27. P-B3ch	K-Q6
24. Q×RPch	K×Kt	28. R-Q1ch	K-B5
25. R-KB1ch	K-K4	29. P-Kt3ch	Resigns



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and the war gave them ample demand for figures of the leaders and heroes concerned in it. Many of these were based on the popular prints of the day and the potter usually emphasised a peculiar feature of his subject, to make it immediately recognisable. The potters also produced most charming models of some of the principal forts, round which the war centred. These pieces are vividly coloured, with red, green and black onglaze enamels; a glowing cobalt blue is used under the glaze, and details are often decorated with a beautifully burnished liquid gold. Thus a group of Staffordshire Crimean pieces is both decorative and informative.

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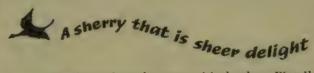
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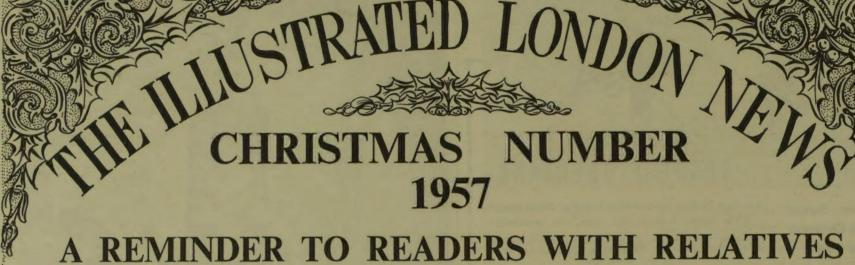
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